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## *Breakfast With Santa – a seasonal favorite*



Photos by Linda Golnick

Local youngsters got a chance last Saturday to make their wishes known to the jolly, old elf himself -- Santa Claus. Many kids attended "Breakfast with Santa," sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association and the ladies of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. They also picked up some great gift items.

## Townships asked to help with zoning enforcement

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Due to recent budget cuts, the position of county zoning enforcement officer is now without funding and the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is asking township supervisors in Beaver Creek, Maple Forest and South Branch for their help if the County is unable to come up with alternative funding.

Last week, we reported the "repeal of the County Zoning

Ordinance, eliminating the need for zoning enforcement officer effective January 1, 2002 unless funding can be secured to fund enforcement." Instead of a complete repeal of the ordinance, County Controller Paul Compo said the Board has opted to keep the ordinance, but ask for some help financing enforcement starting at the township level.

The elimination of the enforcement officer position came as a bit of a surprise to Building and Zoning

Director Joe Duran who said his department has been working very hard to address recent ordinance amendments and enforcement. "The work we are doing here is way beyond what we are being paid to do," he said, but added he understands budgets and the tough decisions that have to be made.

Duran said he is sorry to lose Brian Anderson's help and wished there had been more discussion with his department before the decision

was made to cut funding for his position. He is hopeful, however, the recent increases made to county fees will help bring in enough revenue to restore the position. Duran said he brought the idea of increases to the Board in years past, but the Commissioners were not ready to make the changes until now.

Township supervisors are expected to meet this week to discuss if or how they can help with zoning enforcement.

## 'THE RENTED CHRISTMAS' WARMHS HEARTS



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Hold on to your hats, Grayling High School Players... these Grayling Middle School thespians are on their way to the top after two wonderful performances of "The Rented Christmas" featuring two different casts because there was just too much talent for just one! For the complete story and more photos, see Page 2B.

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## Jury finds Tironi guilty

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Twelve jurors found former Grayling teen center owner, Michael Tironi, guilty on one count of 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct and two counts of furnishing alcohol to minors.

To find Tironi guilty of the criminal sexual conduct charge, the jury had to agree he used force or coercion causing personal injury and/or mental anguish to the victim.

Following 16 months of delays waiting for forensic evidence to be processed, the case finally went to trial November 26.

The verdict was rendered early last Thursday evening, November 29, in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Court following four days of testimony. The trial went one day longer than anticipated. The jury, made up of men and women of many age groups, deliberated for more than three hours before making their decision.

The Honorable Judge Dennis F. Murphy heard the case and told Tironi following the verdict, "I found your testimony to be deeply disturbing," and remanded him to the custody of the Kalkaska Sheriff.

Tironi, now 40, was arrested August 23, 2000 following an investigation by the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department after it received a complaint from an 18-year-old Roscommon man stating he had been sexually assaulted while at the Tironi residence near the Grayling Township/Kalkaska County line in late July 2000.

The victim testified that after drinking beer and watching Internet pornography, Tironi "threw him down on the couch" and assaulted him sexually.

At the trial, Tironi admitted to buying beer for the victim and his



Michael Tironi

friend who were planning a party during the AuSable Canoe Marathon weekend, and described the incident he was accused of as sex between consenting adults; that he and the victim had shared what he described as "intimate glances." He also admitted to opening the keg of beer at his home and drinking with the underage victim.

Also testifying in the case was Vonda Lynn (Johnson) Jones, a live-in friend of Tironi who Kalkaska County Prosecutor Brian Donnelly said told the court of occasions when she bought alcohol for underage acquaintances. Jones testified she worked at the teen center for a time doing bookkeeping.

While on the witness stand, Donnelly said Jones testified to having knowledge of a civil suit settled with a large sum of money between Tironi and the family of young boy he allegedly molested. Donnelly said Jones knew the parties had reached an agreement not to disclose anything about the settlement, including the amount. Donnelly said the settlement amounts to a case of "hush money."

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## Santa is coming to town



You better watch out, boys and girls, Saint Nicholas aka Santa Claus will be traveling to Uptown Grayling on Saturday, December 8.

While he is here, he'll be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. So, while shopping in Grayling this week, be sure to drop off a non-perishable food item or two at a participating business.

Saint Nick plans to have a surprise or two for the kids on Saturday, too.

Businesses involved are looking forward to sharing the "Legend of Saint Nicholas" with everyone. Countries celebrate different legends about Saint Nick and shoppers will be able to collect the various legends from each shop.

Also on December 8, the Grayling Regional Chamber of

Commerce and the Grayling Uptown District Association are sponsoring a kids' matinee at the historic Rialto Theatre at 1 p.m. for one showing only of "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Admission is one can of food or other non-perishable food item to be donated to the Help Center for distribution to families in need this holiday season.

Businesses participating in the "Legend of Saint Nicholas" are AuSable Gifts, The Bicycle Shop, Boards & Beyond, Davis Jewelers, Enchanted Forest, Flower's by Josie, Grayling Restaurant, The Icehouse Quilt Shop, J. Dap & Co., Lady Slipper Gifts, Mercy Hospital Gift Shop, Northern Concepts, Parrot's Perch, Riverland Gear, Spike's Keg O'Nails, Stevens Family Circle, Rialto Theatre, and Signals and Sounds.

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## Sixty years later Pearl Harbor remembered

Submitted by Katherine E. Funk

It may have been 1941, but the Great Depression of the dismal 1930s hadn't loosened its grip on a weary world. I had come to Grayling in August, as a bride, with brighter prospects than many could claim.

Unhappy with the public electric service available at the time, Grayling had just built its own power-generating plant, housed in the building that served later as City Hall, and now, as the police forensic lab. My brand new husband, an electric contractor who had wired that building, had become the head city electrician - Superintendent of Power Line Construction and Maintenance.

With a one-man-crew, the job description that went with that imposing title included not only the building and maintenance of all the power lines, (and cutting the hundreds of trees that had to be sacrificed to accommodate poles and wires), but of checking all the street lights every Friday evening, replacing all burned out, shot out and otherwise missing bulbs every Saturday morning, reading the meters of every household once a month, and relieving the plant operator for one eight hour shift once a week!

At a time when many were still unemployed, we had very secure income, a 1939 V-8 Ford and enough carefully hoarded money in the bank to buy a lot and start building the house at Chestnut and Ottawa, which I still occupy!

In 1938 my youngest brother, having done his time in the Civilian Conservation Corps, (CCC) and despairing of any prospect of college or even trade school, had enlisted in the United States Army, and after the usual basic training at Chanute Field in Illinois, had been assigned to duty at Clark Field in Manila. This represented the fulfillment of a life-long dream, as in this teen years he had corresponded with a Phillipino pen-pal, and developed a deep interest in the Islands.

His enlistment was due to expire in 1941, but not in time for my mid-August nuptials. However he had assured us that he would be home

for hunting season, at which time he would make it his business to pass judgement on my choice of life companion, the community which I proposed to share with that life companion, and the anticipated dwelling which should be well under way by that time. (He may have been my "baby brother" with three older brothers readily available to me, but he still took his fraternal responsibilities very seriously.)

As the anticipated discharge date approached, uncertainties arose, and suddenly, to my bitter disappointment, all scheduled discharges, furloughs and leaves were cancelled, "...due," I told my mother, "to rumors that Tojo was rattling the saber". The last personal letter I had from him said, "The war-mongers are trying to keep us in the same jittery state as all the rest of the world." Obviously, by brother and his companions hadn't a suspicion in the world dire events were in the offing.

Every year, as December 7 approaches, people are asked to recall where they were, or what they were doing when they heard about Pearl Harbor. How could anyone ever forget? My husband was doing his once-a-week thing at the power plant and having gone to church alone, I was in the kitchen preparing a lunch I would take to the plant and share with him. I don't know how I happened to have the radio on for those few minutes. It isn't something I would usually do when I was going to be in the house for such a short time, but for whatever reason, I did have it on, heard that world-shattering announcement, and stunned, I went to the power plant to share the news - as well as lunch--with him.

In the days that followed, we heard much about the damage to the fleet, but little mention of Clark Field. There was a rumor some of the men had escaped into the hills and were waging guerrilla warfare, but we had no real news, and no word about my brother. Sometime in late winter my mother received one somewhat cryptic letter, but after that-nothing. The Christmas package I had mailed before Thanksgiving was returned bearing among others, a Bataan post mark, so we assumed he had participated

in at least the beginning of that event.

It was a whole year before my mother received a May 7, 1943 letter from the War Department listing him as missing since May 7, 1942. A letter received later reported him missing and presumed dead, the presumptive death date, May 8, 1944.

It wasn't until months after the end of the war we ever learned the facts - Staff Sergeant Frank R. Briggs, A.S.N. 6 911 427 had survived the infamous Bataan Death March and died in a Japanese Prison Camp. The War Department letter, dated July 12, 1946 contained the information he "had been in a beleaguered status from 8 December, 1941 to 6 May, 1942, and a prisoner of war from 7 May, 1942 to 20 June, 1942." Bitter as that information was, we were grateful to learn the term of his imprisonment at Camp O'Donnell in the Philippines was two years shorter than we had previously believed.

In his high school days, and later in the Civilian Conservation Corps, he was highly regarded by his contemporaries as poet, wit and satirist. Only those who knew him well - knew his quirky sense of humor and his particular writing style -- would ever have guessed that without a single word to catch the attention of the censors, one last letter had given us a satirical description of guerrilla warfare!

**Letters from the boys in camp**

January 1942

Dear Mother:

Am writing a few lines just in case there is any truth to: the rumor that there may be some mail go out now and then. I wrote once about a month ago, but don't expect that you have received it yet.

Things are going along pretty smoothly here. Except that sometimes there are no napkins on the table, and there always seem to be some people around who have no respect for siesta hours. Extremely disconcerting for one as high strung and temperamental as myself. The meals are fairly good, except that every morning I order poached eggs and toast and the waiter brings me hot-cakes instead. Sheer stupidity on the part of the cook, I guess.

We are in the middle of the dry season here, and the weather is ideal

for camping out. I have been spending most of my time seeing various points of interest in the Far East, and am especially enthusiastic about studying the geological formations about four feet below the surface of the earth. All of which is very engrossing, of course, but there are times when I just can't seem to help wishing I were elsewhere.

Perhaps I'm just naturally discontented, for every now and then the urge to travel is just too strong to be resisted. At such times I generally make a speedy trip to some spot which offers opportunity for the study of those geological formation which I mentioned previously.

I hope everyone back there survived the winter as well as usual. I'll bet Rod, Jack and E.B. would like to get a crack at some of the hunting opportunities which are available here at the present time. The only trouble is that some of the best territory is closed to us at the present time.

I have been wondering if you ever received the package I mailed just before Christmas. I heard that there may have been an interruption in the Pacific mail service about that time.

I hope you understand that no news is good news, because I probably will be unable to write more than once a month and all of those might not get through. I have not received any mail since about December 7th, and don't really expect any until the maneuvers are over, and the only address I have is the return on this envelope.

Your son,

Frank

P.S. Contrary to all expectations, we had a fine Christmas dinner, with only the cranberry sauce missing from the menu. As could be expected, New Years Eve was celebrated with much noise and excitement. The Christmas spirit was unusually high this year with all parties concerned doing their utmost to demonstrate how firmly they believed that it was more blessed to give than to receive.

--F.B.

## Annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 7-8

Submitted by LeAnn Millar

Hear ye, hear ye! All are invited to the Second Annual High School Choir Madrigal Dinner.

Guests will feast on field greens salad, roast beef, herbed potatoes, mixed beans, bread, wassail, and plum pudding for dessert.

As well as the feast, a show of folly and wit will commence. A life-sized puppet show will round out the evening.

The choir is earnestly working on this year's production which, by all appearances, should prove to delight and entertain. You will be guests of the king and queen, with their lords and ladies, the court jester and his bag of tricks, knights,

heralds, traveling minstrels and, of course, the court wizard. The life-size Punch and Judy Show is sure to delight even the oldest of souls.

The Madrigal Dinner will be held this Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.



at the AuSable Primary School Cafeteria. For tickets and seating information, travel to Riverland Gear in Grayling.

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Last year's Grayling High School Choir Madrigal Dinner, complete with a queen (center - Ann Nettleton) and her ladies in waiting (left - Laura Strohkirch; right - Heidi Niederer), entertained a full house each evening. This is the second year for the dinner and the singers are hoping for the same support from the community. The event raises funds for choir activities, such as a trip to Toronto.

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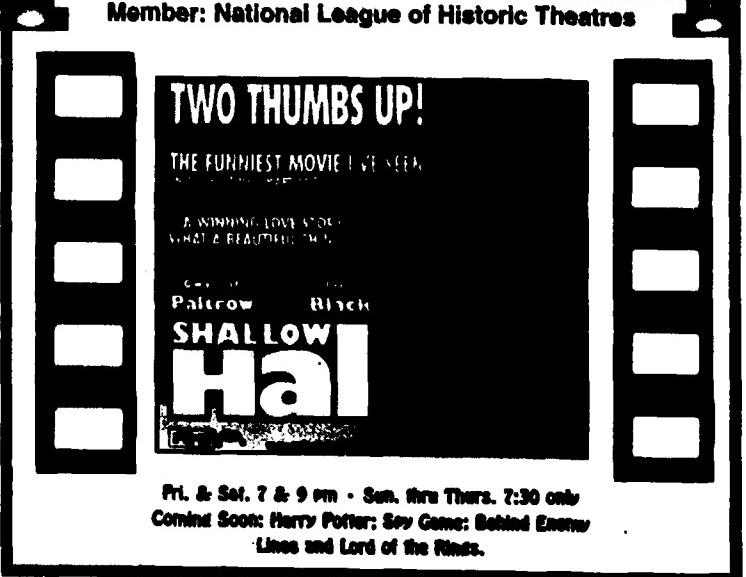
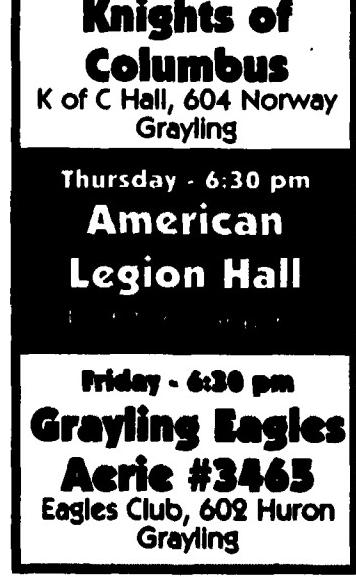
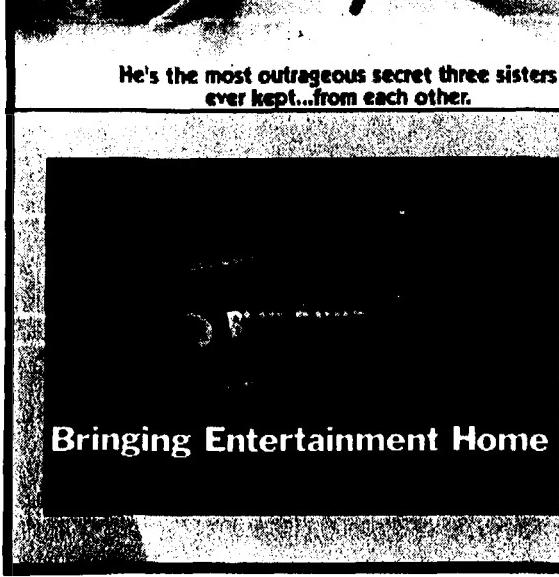
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# Jury finds Tironi guilty

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Because of her sworn statements about buying alcohol for minors, Donnelly issued a warrant and Jones was arrested in the courthouse on November 29. She was arraigned in 87th District Court on three counts of selling or furnishing alcohol to minors. Each count carries a \$1,000 fine if she is found guilty. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for December 18. Jones is currently free on bond.

According to the Prosecutor, witnesses came forward to testify the victim had "sobbed uncontrollably, was visibly shaken by the assault and hasn't been the same kid since."

Donnelly described the incident

as a "brutal rape" and Tironi as a "pedophile.. a wolf in sheep's clothing" who used his relationship with Jones and the teen center as a cover. He said while neither Tironi or Jones would admit to any "intimate" relationship, she had on many occasions described herself to others as Tironi's girlfriend. Donnelly said Tironi and Jones put on the act of a couple with whom parents might trust with their kids.

Donnelly believes this incident was not an isolated case and there are others, inside and out of the Grayling community, who may have fallen victim to Tironi in the past, including some young people who frequented the now closed

Entertainment and Beyond -- the teen center Tironi operated. He would like any other victims to contact him between now and Tironi's sentencing. "Anyone with information regarding Mr. Tironi providing alcohol to minors or his sexual misbehavior is urged to call me. If I can bring more information to the judge prior to sentencing, a tougher sentence may be granted," Donnelly explained.

Tironi is expected to be sentenced within 30 days and will remain in the Kalkaska County Jail until then.

The Prosecutor said he would respect any request for confidentiality in this case and those offering information would not have to go



Vonda Lynn Jones

through the "rigors of a trial" to help the case. Donnelly can be reached at (231) 258-3325.

## State budget cuts hit social services

by Matt Buys  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- State budget cuts have handcuffed social service programs that are in increasing demand from struggling citizens, community activists say.

Gov. John Engler recently issued an executive order imposing \$540 million in cuts to balance the budget, with nearly 27 percent of it coming from social service programs.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says the state's unemployment rate rose from 3.7 percent last October to 5.3 percent in October of this year. According to Michigan's Family Independence Agency (FIA), the welfare caseload has increased from last year's total of 71,962 to 73,333.

Cindy Pushman, Director of the Crawford County FIA, has seen the same unemployment rise among the people her agency helps.

"We have seen an increase in people coming in needing unemployment aid," Pushman said. "There have been more people in need of subsidies as well."

Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake)

agrees the economy is in poor shape. "There will be more folks laid off and turning to welfare as a safety valve," he said.

However, the number of families participating in the agency's Work First program, which requires recipients to work while getting assistance, dropped from 31,000 in September to 28,000 in October, according to the FIA.

With more people in need of assistance, Engler and other state officials are saying their hands are tied because there simply is not enough money to go around.

Even so, that's no solace to social service groups.

"Everyone is worried right now. I wouldn't want to be in the governor's shoes; the need is increasing and revenues are decreasing. What do you do when there's nothing left to give?" said Rick Loewenstein, President of Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Pushman said her agency has already felt the money taken from its \$32,000 budget. "We had a Workers on Wheels program that will be terminated unless Goodwill awards us grants. Without state

funding, we can't afford to purchase cars for workers who don't have cars but have to commute."

Another area hit hard is services for the aging. The executive order called for a 10 percent cut in funding that trimmed \$14.9 million in Medicaid reimbursements to nursing home residents for health care.

Veterans' services have also been pinched by the budget fix. The American Legion, AMVETS and Veterans of Foreign Wars received cuts of about 15 percent, and funding to the Polish Legion and Marine Corps League was eliminated.

Patrick Lafferty, Chief Executive Officer of the American Legion of Michigan, does not foresee a happy ending. "We're honoring veterans, but slashing our budgets? There's no way we can absorb the thousands of cases that are out there," he said.

Lawmakers have responded by trying to make changes in the welfare system to save budget money.

For example, a bill recently passed in the Senate would make the eligibility requirements of welfare even stricter. The bill would require recipients of social assistance to be available to work 40 hours a week in

the Work First program, rather than the current 30-hour requirement.

Republican supporters say the bill would close loopholes that will allow the state to weed out people abusing the system.

"The people who have failed to be self-sufficient and improve themselves are the ones affected by this," Pushman said.

But opponents say the measures are untimely and counter-productive because welfare recipients may be forced to leave higher paying jobs for ones that will give them 40 hours per week, which may be difficult in a slowing job market.

Sen. Alma Smith (D-Salem Township), a member of the largely Democratic opposition, said, "These changes come at a bad time for the state, when the economy is bad and welfare caseloads will begin to increase."

The state had planned to adopt new technology to reduce welfare fraud by using fingerprint pictures to discourage multiple filings by applicants. But, budget cuts have scrapped the program Stille sponsored and would have saved an estimated \$30 million annually.

## Lawmakers debate tough penalties for young drinkers

by Anne Edison-Swift  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Underage drinkers repeatedly arrested for alcohol possession may face jail under a bill that passed in the House and faces debate in the Senate.

The proposal by Rep. Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) would increase the punishment for a Minor in Possession (MIP) violation. Currently the fine is \$100 for a first offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$500 for any further violations. A judge may also order substance abuse treatment or community service.

The bill would allow a judge to impose a jail sentence of up to 90 days for repeat offenders, while first-timers could be jailed if they fail to complete mandated commu-

nity service or treatment.

Law enforcement officials around the state have voiced some concerns and some praise after reviewing the proposed bill. One Michigan sheriff said he hopes the jail option won't lead to more overcrowding, but a Holland police sergeant said he likes the bill because it would give judges more options and more tools to break the cycle that leads young people into alcoholism.

Rep. Kowall said current penalties aren't tough enough to discourage repeat offenders. "The police and judges tell me they're sick of seeing the same kids get into trouble again and again. And they're sick and tired of pulling dead kids out of cars."

Echoing similar sentiments, Rep. Paul DeWeese (R-Williamston) told

a group of 100 Michigan State University students recently why his work as an emergency room physician convinced him to vote for the bill: "Every night I see too much carnage, pain and death -- all accidents caused by alcohol."

While many proponents cite examples that include drunk driving accidents, Professor David Moran of Wayne State University Law School said it's important to remember the difference between MIP and drunk driving charges.

"An MIP is an inherently victimless crime -- no one gets hurt. This

## Grayling Township recycling center now accepting styrofoam

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Taking a proactive stance on keeping as many recyclable items out of the local landfill as possible, the Grayling Township Transfer Station is now accepting styrofoam for recycling.

Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill said styrofoam must be clean and free of food before it is turned over for recycling. The transfer station, located on North Down River Road in Grayling, is the only site accepting styrofoam for recycling at this time.

A recycling container originally used for the collection of cardboard is now available at the station for the styrofoam. Once a required

amount is collected, the styrofoam will be sent to Dart Container in Mason where it will be ground up to make new styrofoam products.

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# OPINIONS

## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### For whatever it means, Blanchard still ahead

**NOT MUCH** appears to be changing in public perception of the 2002 campaign for governor of Michigan.

In the most recent published poll of primary possibilities taken in mid-November, former Gov. James Blanchard still leads in the minds of probable Democratic voters.

Blanchard figures are about the same as earlier polls, showing favor among 40 percent of those polled. Last spring, Mr. Blanchard received 41 percent support.

Atty. Gen. Jennifer Granholm is at 29 percent, compared with 35 percent last spring -- some slippage, but not significant.

U.S. Rep. David Bonior is still third at 16 percent, double his eight percent last spring.

The other two potential candidates, State Sens. Alma Wheeler Smith and Gary Peters, stayed at one or two percent. Undecideds were about the same, 13 percent in November, 12 percent in April.

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**ALL FIVE CANDIDATES** have been

out campaigning hard, but none of this means very much in the polls, except that Mr. Blanchard still has greater name recognition than the others. Two terms as governor will do that for you.

The latest figures probably indicate that Mr. Bonior's formal endorsement by the UAW and state AFL-CIO may have kicked in.

Apparently the poll means something to Sen. Peters, however. Within a week after the new figures were published, he withdrew from the governor's race, and said he'd like to be on the ticket for attorney general instead.

Which also means, apparently, Mr. Peters thinks either Ms. Granholm will win the primary, or she will be nominated for lieutenant governor, so the attorney general job will be open.

Otherwise, who knows what a poll in November portends? With everything else that's going on in our world, not many folks -- except rabid partisans and political

junkies -- are even thinking about next year's state election.

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**THE REPUBLICAN SIDE** of the poll may have hidden meaning.

With Gov. John Engler unavailable for a fourth term because of term limits, three potential candidates are listed: Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, State Sen. John Schwartz, and Ed Hamilton, a self starter businessman from Oakland County.

Mr. Posthumus is the clear favorite of Gov. Engler, the Engler machine, state party leadership and most district GOP leaders. Mr. Posthumus has been making so many official state pronouncements, cutting so many ribbons, representing the state in so many formal ways that an outside visitor might think he's already governor.

His poll standing among 300 likely Republican voters is 46 percent, less than half but well ahead of Sen. Schwartz at eight percent and Mr. Hamilton at three percent.

The poll also shows 43 percent of likely Republican voters are undecided about their party choice for governor. That's almost as high as the 46 percent who support Mr. Posthumus.

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**WHY ARE 43 PERCENT** of likely Republican voters undecided, even at this early date, despite the party juggernaut lined up in the lieutenant governor's corner? It's a point to ponder.

The undecideds could hint at some interesting possibilities:

(a) Maybe the GOP party structure does not reflect the wishes of most of their supposed followers.

(b) Or maybe about half the probable Republican voters still don't know who Dick Posthumus is;

(c) Or maybe they know him but aren't sure they want him as governor;

(d) Or maybe there's a hidden GOP army hiding in the bushes, ready to be convinced by Joe Schwartz or Ed Hamilton.

Any or all of these possibilities could spell trouble for the lieutenant governor's candidacy and continuing Republican dominance of state government.

(e) Or maybe it's so early Michigan Republicans just don't care yet about next year's campaign.

Most likely, everything will turn out as scheduled by GOP powers, and Dick Posthumus will be crowned as the party's choice in next August's primary.

As noticed above, who knows what any November poll really means, with all that's going on around us.

Nobody's paying attention to next year's election anyway except those personally involved in it .... and maybe a few political junkies, like newspaper columnists.

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*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## EDITOR

### The sentiments of many...

To the editor,

*PLEASE SEND  
SNOW!!*

Mark Jurkovich  
Grayling

### Does profit outweigh danger?

To the editor,

Some years ago, the National Guard was allowed to fence off a large area of the artillery range. This was a section larger than Otsego Lake, which is more than five miles long. The range was said to be dangerous to hunters because of the presence of "unexploded" shells.

In the years since, the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) has diligently ticketed and fined

deer hunters found within that fenced area.

This hunting season, we were surprised and shocked to discover extensive lumbering operations going on in that same fenced-in area. Apparently, the profit motive outweighs the danger of "unexploded" shells!

Joseph C. Greenwood  
Deer hunter for 40 years  
Frederic

## WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D) Michigan

### Making our borders more secure

When a group of illegal aliens trying to sneak into the United States through a freight train tunnel that runs beneath the Detroit River found themselves caught in the beam of a U.S. Border Patrol officer's flashlight, they didn't turn and run back to Canada. Instead they calmly walked to the tunnel exit to surrender to the border agents once they were on U.S. soil.

The group knew that once they got into this country there was a good chance they would not be detained or deported. Sure enough, they were right. They were processed, released on their own recognition within a few hours, and told to show up at a removal hearing. However if past practice is any indication, the odds are against anyone apprehended actually showing up for such a hearing. The bottom line in this case was that a group of people who sought to enter our country illegally achieved their goal even though they were in the hands of the Border Patrol.

That's the story told by senior Border Patrol agents testifying recently before the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair. While the problems raised by the Border Patrol agents would be serious in normal circumstances, they carry particular weight since the attacks of September 11th.

The U.S. Border Patrol is the uniformed law enforcement arm of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) with the responsibility of combating alien smuggling and illegal entries other than at ports of entry.

Ports of entry such as airports, bridges and highways are the only places where people may legally enter the United States. They are also the places where INS officers and Customs Agents review persons, papers and luggage to decide whether to allow someone into the United States.

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations looked at how people who attempt to enter the country illegally at places other than these official ports are arrested and processed by the Border Patrol. When persons are arrested by the Border Patrol, the large majority voluntarily returns to their country of origin, usually Mexico or Canada.

The others, perhaps as many as one-third of those arrested on the Northern Border, are given a notice to appear at a removal hearing. The Border Patrol decides whether the person should be detained, released on bond or, as is often the case, released on his or her own recognition while awaiting a hearing.

These can take several months to occur.

The INS isn't able to tell us how many of the persons arrested in this situation and released fail to show up for their scheduled hearing. However, by looking at related statistics and ballpark estimates, we estimate that the number is at least 40% and possibly as high as 90%. Look at the Detroit Border Patrol Sector which encompasses all of Michigan. In FY 2001, the Border Patrol arrested more than 2100 people, a significant percentage of whom were arrested while actually attempting to enter the U.S. illegally.

Most of these 2100 were voluntarily returned to their country of origin. However, more than one-third were given a notice to appear at a removal hearing. Reports from Border Patrol agents indicate that the vast majority of the latter group were released on their own recognition pending their hearing.

We don't know how many of those who were released actually showed up for their hearings, but according to INS, 40% of all persons awaiting a hearing who have not been detained - not just those arrested by the Border Patrol - didn't show up. One former INS district director told my subcommittee he thought about 90% of persons arrested and released by the Border Patrol didn't show up for a hearing.

The conclusion is inescapable: the vast majority of people arrested by the Border Patrol while attempting to enter the U.S. illegally who don't voluntarily return to their own country are released on their own recognition. Many if not most of those released don't show up for their removal hearing. Ultimately, little or no effort is made to find them.

This is a dysfunctional and absurd system that makes a mockery of our immigration laws. When we release persons into the country who are without an address, without ties, without any record of who they are, we're abdicating our responsibility to the larger community. This is a practice that has to stop.

I've asked the INS and Border Patrol to report to me on the steps they plan to take to close these enforcement loopholes. If the response is unsatisfactory, I plan to introduce legislation to accomplish it.

We are an open and generous country and we welcome persons from around the world who want to contribute their hard work to help build a better America. But we also have a duty to protect ourselves and our country from people who would do us harm.

## EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will close at noon on Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24th. Deadlines for the December 27th Avalanche will be:

Display Ads • • Wed. Dec. 19 5 pm

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The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, December 26th at 9 am.

Our office will close at noon on Monday, New Year's Eve, December 31st. Deadlines for the January 3, 2002 Avalanche will be:

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Classified Ads by the word • • Fri. Dec. 28

by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9 am.

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The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

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# BRIEFS

## Annual Christmas Special tickets on sale

Tickets for "The Christmas Show," a local holiday tradition presented by Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events, are now on sale at the Crawford AuSable School District's Central office, 403 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. The Christmas Show will be presented on Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens (Visa and Mastercard accepted). A family package of tickets is available: up to six tickets for \$25; quantities are limited. The show this year features the Michigan Opera Theatre Singers, the ever-popular Classical Bells, mime Rob Reider, the Grayling High School Jazz Band and more.

## Pet Photos with Santa this Saturday

Anyone who missed having their pet's photo taken with Santa Claus during the Christmas Walk or others who wish to do so may want to take a second opportunity Saturday, December 8 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Otsego Township Hall in Waters. No appointment is necessary. Cost is \$10 for a sheet of different sized photos or an 8"x10," greeting card, and all proceeds go to pay for the daily operating expenses of the The Animal Shelter of Crawford County in Grayling. Shelter volunteers will also be selling a variety of greeting cards, dog and cat-related stocking stuffers for kids, catnip toys for cats and homemade Christmas cookies for dogs.

## Classic 'Grinch' cartoon matinee Dec. 8

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA), will be sponsoring a matinee showing of the holiday cartoon classic, "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Saturday, December 8, at 1 p.m., at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and will be distributed to those in need in Crawford County.

## Eastern Star hosts cookie walk, lunch

The Grayling Chapter #83 Order of the Eastern Star will be holding its 15th annual Cookie Walk, Bazaar, & Luncheon on Friday, December 7 at the Masonic Temple, located next to the Rialto Theatre. Cookie Sale and Bazaar, featuring homemade peanut brittle, begin at 10 a.m. A buffet luncheon, with a choice soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts and beverages, will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## School Band fruit pick up day is Dec. 8

The annual Grayling Middle and High School bands' fruit sale was well received in the community and the fruit will be ready for pick up on Saturday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grayling Elementary School. Any questions should be directed to Barb Domeik at 348-2523. Also, there will be no Band Booster meeting in December.

## Still time to sign up for Christmas help

There is still time to sign up for help this Christmas at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and there are families available for sponsorship through the Adopt-A-Family program. Donations of bags of Christmas candy and candy canes are needed, too. Call 348-6046 for more information. The Help Center is located at 300 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. To make a monetary, tax-deductible donation by mail, send check or money order to: CCCCHC, P.O. Box 1115, Grayling, MI 49738.

## Legion Auxiliary hosts holiday pot luck

The American Legion Auxiliary will host its pot luck Christmas party at the American Legion in Grayling on Wednesday, December 12 at 4 p.m. Bring a \$5 gift to contribute. Members and guests are welcome.

## Sheriff to attend Frederic Twp. meeting

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely will be attending the Frederic Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments for the Sheriff should feel free to attend this meeting. He will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

## Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of December 2 are Marlin Friske, Carl Yost, and Marge St. Germain.

## Farm-By-Lantern-Light next weekend

Wellington Farm Park, decorated for the holidays, is offering lantern-lit tours of the living history park Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15. Reservations for the rides are highly encouraged. Participants will tour the grounds and many buildings, while listening to interpreters tell stories of Christmas on a rural farm in the Depression Era. The first tour departs each evening at 6:30 p.m., with departures scheduled every 15 minutes thereafter. The park is located on Military Road, just south of Four Mile Road. For more information or to make reservations, call toll-free 1-888-653-3276 or visit [www.wellingtonfarmpark.org](http://www.wellingtonfarmpark.org).

## Pneumonia vaccines now available

The Health Department has pneumococcal vaccinations available for a cost of \$16 each. The Health Department will bill Medicare for the shot for those with Part B coverage. The pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine protects against 23 types of pneumococcal bacteria. Those interested in receiving the vaccine should check with their doctor or the Health Department for more information about the vaccine. To make an appointment for the immunization, call the Health Department at 348-7800.

## Farewell planned for Sister Naomi

Friends of Sister Naomi Holysko, RSM will hold a farewell reception Sunday, December 9, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary Family Center. She will be leaving by Christmas and her friends would like to offer everyone the opportunity to show their appreciation for all she has done since she has been in Grayling, and to say good-bye and wish her well. Sister Naomi has served as the Executive Director of Crawford County Habitat for Humanity and President/Chairperson for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

## Library's Mitten Tree taking donations

Once again this holiday season, the Crawford County Library is sponsoring a "Mitten Tree" at the main library on James Street in Grayling. Donations of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are now being accepted to decorate the tree, then distributed to those in need in the county by the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. For more information, call the library at 348-9214.

## Skiers needed to teach at Challenge Mountain

If you love to ski and like to help others, consider giving the gift of your time and talents to help others learn to ski at Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc.

Challenge Mountain is a non-profit organization that teaches individuals with physical and mental disabilities how to ski. Located in the beautiful Boyne Country hills, the organization has been fortunate to work with individuals since 1982, becoming a non-profit organization in 1984.

Services are provided to people throughout the country, not just limited to northern Michigan area. Services are free of charge and after ski instruction students may use the

equipment to ski locally. Programming has been added recently to include at risk youth groups as well.

Due to increased programming and the growing demand of service, volunteers are needed who can ski during the week. Volunteers are also needed to assist with special projects such as Special Olympics Regional Winter Games on January 25.

Please consider helping others reach their goal of, "If I can do this, I can do anything."

Contact Sue Moody, Executive Director or Cindy Hall, Resale Store Manager at (231) 582-6966 or (231) 535-2141 for questions, financial donations, or to volunteer.

## Kirtland to present 'Nutcracker'

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts along with the Thunder Bay Theatre will be presenting a traditional Christmas production of the holiday favorite "The Nutcracker Ballet" on December 15 at a special performance time of 7 p.m.

The Thunder Bay Theatre is producing "The Nutcracker" under the direction of Christine Giordano. The company of young performers from the Alpena area will be traveling to the Kirtland Center to perform the classic ballet.

"The Nutcracker Ballet" is based on the book called *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* written by E.T.A. Hoffmann. In 1891, the legendary choreographer Marius Petipa commissioned Tchaikovsky to write the music for "The Nutcracker Ballet."

In 1892, the first showing of "The Nutcracker" took place at the Marinsky Theatre of Russia, home of the Kirov Ballet.

"The Nutcracker" made its way to Western Europe in the 1930's and to America in 1940, performed by Ballet Russe. The first American full length Nutcracker was performed by San Francisco Ballet, choreographed by W. Christensen. The Nutcracker has since become an annual holiday tradition across the country.

Tickets for this special event are on sale at the Kirtland Ticket Office. Tickets can be purchased by calling (989) 275-6777. Purchase tickets early to avoid missing this production of "The Nutcracker" at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, December 15.

## CMU offers school safety seminar

School administrators looking for ways to ensure their school districts are ready to handle emergencies are invited to attend a round table seminar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, December 10 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Grayling. The event is sponsored by Central Michigan University's College of Extended Learning.

The seminar will focus on the findings of an Isabella County community-based committee that spent 18 months traveling throughout the United States studying what went wrong in places such as Littleton, CO, West Paducah, KY, Jonesboro, AR, and Pearl, MS.

Research generated from the site visits and the publication of a report detailing the information and insights gained represent a one-of-a-kind initiative in the country. Presenting the committee findings and facilitating the round table will be Joan Hornak, Ed.D., and Rena Richtig, Ph.D.

Seminar attendees can expect to gain ideas and strategies for school preparedness based on what has been learned by the committee, which published its findings in the *Isabella County Report on School Violence*. That information will help

districts develop solid, site-specific emergency preparedness plans to address all hazards, either natural or man-made, which can affect school safety.

The seminar is open to all district personnel and crisis response team members. Cost is \$65 per person or \$55 per person for teams of three or more registering together from the same district. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, call K. Schmittler at 1-800-950-1144, ext. 7141.

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## HEADACHES AREN'T "NORMAL"

Just about everybody gets a headache once in awhile, so why should you be unduly upset if you happen to be suffering from one? If you've been celebrating with friends and eat or imbibe to much, it certainly would not be unusual to wake up with a headache the next day. But that kind of headache usually goes away as soon as you're eating and drinking sensibly again, and getting enough sleep. But what about the other kinds of headache?

Some illnesses, such as flu, include headache among the symptoms. but if you're in reasonably good health, you

have a right to wonder why you suffer from headaches. A resort to aspirin and other medication may dull the pain for awhile, but if the headaches persist you should seek treatment. Among the causes of persistent headache are problems with the cervical vertebrae, the spinal bones in our neck. If they are out of alignment, this could cause headaches until you get the treatment you need.

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# The Bible Speaks

## When the Towers Fall

The Bible foretold in Isaiah 30:25 of "the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall." The context of this verse must be literally interpreted as applying to part of God's judgment in the last days while restoring God's blessings upon the nation of Israel. I do not believe the tyranny that destroyed the towers of our world trade center is the intended fulfillment of this verse. But it is a shocking picture of the kind of destruction the world will face in the last days. There are some startling similarities between our present war and the war described in Isaiah 30. God is still sovereign and rules in the affairs of nations. Israel's existence is still at the center of international conflicts. "In God We Trust" is still the key to America's future success or failure in world affairs.

The Bible clearly describes the day the world will unite to fight against God and Israel. It is called the battle of Armageddon. Will America continue to defend God and Israel, or will we ultimately sacrifice our God and Israel for temporary world peace? Books have already been written describing all religious fundamentalism as the major cause of world conflicts. Will we become willing to sacrifice our God and the Bible in order to gain international support to control the terrorism of Islamic fundamentalists and the Koran? Will we eventually accept an ecumenical world faith movement that incorporates the "good" in all religions thereby establishing a one-world-religion that will bring in the false prophet and antichrist? Our liberty and freedoms are a direct gift of our God. Will we push for "enduring freedom" and liberty for all nations, or will we become weary in well

doing?

The Taliban is accusing America of genocide for our attack on their front line soldiers in Afghanistan. So now both Israel and America have been publicly accused of attempted genocide by the Moslems. But, according to Moslem beliefs, abortion is a form of genocide, so they may feel that the death of several thousand people in the twin towers was insignificant in light of the 40 million babies already killed in America by abortion. They may not see any difference between the millions of babies sacrificed to the idol Molech in the land of Canaan, and the millions of babies sacrificed in American abortion clinics. They may not see any difference between the sexual perversion of Canaan and the fornication, adultery, and sodomy practiced in America. And the holocaust of 6 million Jews in Germany during WWII is probably considered mild to Muslims in light of the holocaust of 40 million babies in abortion clinics. In fact, the Germans are reported to have turned to gassing and burning the Jews because German soldiers could not endure the pressure of shooting millions of Jewish women and children. After all, wouldn't it even appear more humane to inject poison gas into the lungs of unborn infants to kill them, rather than burning them alive within the womb with a saline solution to induce abortion?

Have we repeated the false hope of Israel as stated in Micah 3:11? "The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us?

"I, Laurie, take you Joey to be my husband..."

A bride...a groom...vows and rings carefully chosen; yet, we are all too painfully aware of the odds in today's fast-paced society. What can place this new family on a firm foundation? What will keep their relationship what it is on this day, and still let it grow and flourish as the frustrations of daily living seek to take their toll?

Included in this ceremony is a line from the book of Ecclesiastes 4:12 which says..."A cord of three strands is not easily broken." In this case, two of the "strands" are the couple, but that all-important third "strand" is God. The power of God will strengthen the success of their relationship if it remains an important part of their marriage throughout their lives together.

Whether or not you are married, God can be the strengthening strand in your life. Won't you worship this week in God's House?

Sunday	Matthew	Monday	Matthew	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Micah	Zechariah	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
24:29-44	25:1-13	25:31-46	5:2-6	9:9-17	24		130	

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none evil can come upon us." Do we as a nation owe our God an apology? Do we have anything to repent of?

Is our God offended when sodomy is defended as a civil right in America? Is our God offended because millions of unborn babies have been killed in the name of civil rights? Is our God offended when His Word and prayer to Him are being attacked and removed from public display? When Jerry Falwell mentioned these things publicly as a cause for repentance, he was denounced and ridiculed. Yet, when former president Clinton blamed the attacks on our nation on our own past social injustice the media did not renounce his views. We are facing a fight for the heart and soul of America. We desperately need a spiritual revival!

God, home, and country are worth fighting for and dying for. What is worth dying for is worth living for. Repentance and faith toward God, loyalty to our families, and courage to defend the nation we love is necessary for our eventual victory. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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## U.S. Capitol Holiday Tree from Michigan to be lit Dec. 11

A 74-foot white spruce from the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula has arrived in Washington, D.C. and will serve as the 2001 Capitol Holiday Tree. Named the "Tree of Hope," the tree will be displayed on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol until early January.

Live online video of the Tree of Hope can be seen on Sen. Carl Levin's website at: <http://levin.senate.gov/holidaytree.htm>. Visitors to the site will be able to watch the progress of the tree anytime, day or night, and can log on to watch the tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. on

## MILITARY NEWS

**Air Force Airman Sean M. Pooley** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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The people of Michigan have sent 6,000 handmade ornaments to help decorate the tree, reflecting regional and state history, natural features and cultural aspects of Michigan. In addition, 10,000 electric lights and several dozen giant globe-shaped ornaments bring the total number of decorations on the tree to more than 15,000.

After the holiday season, the Tree of Hope will continue to spread hope and life. Next year, lumber milled from the holiday tree will be used to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Michigan. Seeds from its cones

will be planted in urban parks as part of Arbor Day 2002.

This is the fifth time Michigan has provided the Capitol's holiday tree, also known as the People's Tree, second only in frequency to Pennsylvania.

## Card of Thanks

The homeless dogs and cats, puppies and kittens of Crawford County would like to thank the following people for their volunteer work for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Christmas Walk project:

Bob and Barb Clark, Dennis and Mickie Meyers, Laura Purtill, Tari Weber, Bonnie Erskine, Jean Stokes, Roger and Patty Redinger, Joe Greenwood, Carol Rebel, Brenda Wargo, Jane Kozloski, Tabitha Pelkey, Cheryl Postma, Mika Sumner, Deanne Whiteside, Karyn Ruley, Mark Ruley, Dave and Beth Miller, Alice Ray, Sue Maples, and Cassie Maples. (We apologize if we missed someone!)

Very special thanks to Linda Golnick for her heartfelt support. It means more than we can express.

We would also like to thank everyone who stopped in to say hello and pick up a few goodies.

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## OBITUARIES

### Caroline J. Madill

**Feb. 19, 1926 - Nov. 27, 2001**

Age 75, died Tuesday evening at the Appleton Medical Center, in Appleton, Wisconsin, following a massive stroke on Friday night.

Caroline was born on February 19, 1926 in West Branch, daughter of the late Charles and Ida Post. She grew up in West Branch and Frederic, and was a 1944 graduate of Grayling High School.

On August 13, 1949, she married Frank Madill at St. Mary Church in Grayling; he survives. Caroline enjoyed being with her family both in Wisconsin and Michigan, and was very active with sewing and gardening around her house.

She and her family traveled extensively around the country, especially in Michigan and Georgia where they had previously resided. Caroline was a faithful member of Holy Name Church in Kimberly, Wisconsin and of the Post #60 American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband: Frank Madill of Kimberly; three children: Nelda Keenan and her special friend John Hargo of Kimberly, WI; Nadine (Hank) De Wild of Kimberly, WI; and Michael (Barbara Bezzie) Madill of Appleton, WI.

She was especially fond of her four grandchildren: Carrie Keenan of Appleton, WI and Monica, Meggie, and Hank De Wild of Kimberly, WI; five brothers: George (Irene) Post of Troutland; Leo Post of Grayling; Morden (Gloria) Post of Grayling; Jack (Marilyn) Post of Flushing; Bill (Nancy) Post of Hart; a brother-in-law: John (Barbara) Madill of Davison; a sister-in-law: Mary Ellen (Orville) Hilliker of Troy.

Caroline was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Milford (Betty) Post, and sisters-in-law Eileen Parsons and Helma Post.

A memorial funeral liturgy for Caroline was held on Saturday, December 1 at Holy Name Catholic Church, in Kimberly, WI with Rev. Dennis Bergsbaken officiating. Inurnment will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Arrangements by Jansen Fargo Funeral Home, 204 E. Kimberly Avenue, Kimberly, WI 54136

### Nelson C. Savoix

**Oct. 7, 1920 - Nov. 30, 2001**

Mr. Nelson C. Savoix, age 81 of Roscommon, died on Friday, November 30, at Tendercare in Gaylord.

Mr. Savoix was born in Houghton on October 7, 1920. He was a life member of the Roscommon VFW, a life member of the Higgins Lake DAV and a life member of the American Legion Post #366 in Flint. He was also a member of the Houghton Lake Moose Lodge, the IBEW #948 in Flint and St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Roscommon.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Pauline "Polly," three daughters: Connie Eshman of Ohio, Linda (Robert) Eges of California, and Kay (Mark) Pfeiffer of Davison. He leaves behind six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two sisters: Barbara (Gordon) McClelland and Delores Sherwood, both of Florida. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, December 4 at Crestwood Cemetery Chapel in Grand Blanc.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, c/o Richard Maki, 412 Hannah, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.



**Blair A. Murphy**

**Dec. 30, 1953 - Dec. 1, 2001**

Blair Allen Murphy, D.O. passed away December 1. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Tina of 27 years and five children, Meghan, Maureen, Melissa, Molly, and Blair II.

Dr. Murphy was born on December 30, 1953 in Flint, to Dr. Gerald Murphy and Mildred Whalen Murphy. Blair grew up in Flint with siblings Bernie, Brent, Brad, and Bonnie. He graduated from Assumption College Prep School in Windsor, Ontario in 1972. He attended Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri. In 1984 he graduated from University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, with the degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his Urological residency at Oakland General Hospital, Madison Heights, in 1990.

In 1990, Dr. Murphy and his family moved to Gaylord, where he began his Urological practice at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Dr. Murphy was devoted to his patients, many of whom he considered to be good friends. To his patients and friends Blair was simply known as "Murph" or "Doc."

Dr. Murphy, along with his friend, William F. Rolinski developed an idea that led to the establishment of the first microbrewery in northern Michigan. Blair's love of hunting and the outdoors inspired the name, "Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse."

Dr. Murphy's love of the outdoors led him to many exotic places, such as Alaska, New Zealand, Australia and Tanzania. He recently returned from South Africa with his friend Dr. Jeffrey Chaulk and had the "hunt of a lifetime." He received many awards from Safari Club International for his record setting trophies. At the time of his death he was pursuing his dream to complete "The Big Five" trophy collection of animals.

Blair loved spending time with his family at Higgins Lake. He loved teaching his son Blair how to fish, and loved sailing with his brother Brad. One of his favorite pastimes was to just sit and watch the sunset. He ended this past summer with a spectacular sunset sail with his family.

On May 25, 1974, at Saint Alphonsus Church in Dearborn, Blair married Tina Giuliano. His love of Italian food endeared him to his in-laws, Salvatore and Assunta Giuliano, who considered him their Irish son. In 1979, they began their family with the birth of their daughter, Meghan. Meghan was followed by Maureen in 1981, Melissa in 1983, Molly in 1987, and in 1992 Blair finally had a son who he

named after himself. He loved and was devoted to his family.

Besides his wife and children, he is survived by his loving mother, Mildred Whalen Murphy, siblings: Bernie Murphy, Dr. Brent (Michelle) Murphy, Dr. Bradford (Linda) Murphy, and Dr. Bonnie Murphy. Also surviving are mother and father-in-law, Salvatore and Assunta Giuliano and sisters-in-law Pauline (Paul) Wolski and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Rosekrans and many loving nieces and nephews, Shauna, Tracy, Brian, Donovan, Kathleen, Devin, Ryan, Robert, Stephanie, Trevor and Laura.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Gerald Murphy. Blair also leaves behind a legacy of many loving and lifelong friends.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 12 noon at St. Mary Cathedral Church in Gaylord, with Reverend John McCracken officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blair A. Murphy, D.O. Memorial Fund in care of Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

### Terrance Fórmá

**Feb. 27, 1951 - Nov. 28, 2001**

Terrance Fórmá, age 50, of Beaver Creek, died on Wednesday, November 28. A private family service was held.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Robert W. Derry

**Jan. 27, 1942 - Nov. 30, 2001**

Robert Willis Derry, 59, of Grayling, died Friday, November 30. Private services were held.

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**Lucy M. Reno**

**March 8, 1935 - Nov. 27, 2001**

Lucy Marie Reno, age 66, of Grayling, died Tuesday, November 27. Funeral services were held, Saturday, December 1, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Gaylord.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

*(Note: For more  
Obituaries, see Page 8A.)*

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**OBITUARIES****Pamela M. Swiercz**

**Dec. 17, 1959 - Nov. 26, 2001**

Pamela M. Swiercz, age 41, passed away Monday, November 26 in Bay Medical Center after a long, courageous battle with neurofibromatosis.

She was born to Raymond and Geraldine (Bladecki) Swiercz on December 17, 1959 in Bay City, where she resided all her life. Pam was a 1978 graduate of Bay City Central High School.

She was currently employed by Bay Shores Nursing Care Center as a certified nursing assistant, as well as previously at Sheffield Bay. Pam was also formerly employed by the Bay County Historical Museum.

Surviving family members include her son, Troy Gwizdala; her parents; Raymond and Geraldine Swiercz of Grayling; three sisters and two brothers, Diane (Joseph) Foucault of Essexville, Yvonne (Fiance, Harold Sauve) Swiercz and Cindy (Mark) Johnson of Bay City, Mark (DeAnne) Swiercz and David (Cindy) Swiercz of Grayling; nieces and nephews, Chad and Ashley Foucault, Jason Carlin, Justin Johnson, Nick Tompkins, and Chandler, Heather, and Nicholas Swiercz; along with several special friends.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated, Tuesday, December 4 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Essexville, with Reverend Thomas J. McNamara presiding. Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be directed to "wishes of the family." Pam's family would like to extend their grateful appreciation to Dr. Michael Davison for all his care, support and kindness.

Arrangements by W.A. Trahan Funeral Chapel, Bay City.

**Richard S. Corsette**

**March 5, 1929 - Dec. 2, 2001**

Richard S. (Dick) Corsette, age 72, died at Tendercare Nursing Home in Gaylord, on Sunday, December 2.

Mr. Corsette moved from Detroit to Grayling after retiring from Ford Motor Company. He graduated from Michigan State University and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

He leaves his beloved wife and best friend, Gail. The Corsettes were together for 49 years. Also, surviving are their three children, Lynda Stark, Richard (Terry) Corsette and Elizabeth (Chad) Noffsinger, his dear grandchildren, Rick Rieden, Ryane Stark, Katie and Torey Corsette, Alex Gabriel and Logan Noffsinger. Mr. Corsette leaves a brother, Harold (Joy) Corsette and a sister Marjorie (Fred) Sayles.

Friends and family will be gathered at Sorenson Funeral Home for services on Wednesday, December 5, at 2 p.m. Donations to Alzheimers Association, 100 Woods Circle, Alpena, MI 49707, or the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Arrangement by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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David and Cheryl Millikin of Grayling and Edward and Peggy Duba of Grand Rapids announce the engagement of their children, planned.

**RANGE FIRING**

Range-firing scheduled during December 5 through December 11 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times: December 5 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Portage Creek Road bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

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**SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS**

by Jan Farley

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Wed. Dec. 5 - Spanish Rice/Brown Steak; Hearing Clinic, by appointment; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at

5:30. Commodities at Hanson Hills from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Thu. Dec. 6 - BBQ Beef/Porcupine Meatballs; BP's and Sugars taken from 11 a.m. to noon; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 7 - Turkey and Dressing/no dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80-Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 8 - Foot clinic by appointment and reminder to bring your towel.

Mon. Dec. 10 - Lasagna/Wiener Schnitzel; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. Dec. 11 - Sweet and Sour Meatballs/Chicken Kiev; Euchre Club at 1 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 12 - Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; and Birthday dinner and White Elephant Auction at 5 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: It may take you a long time not to judge yourself through someone else's eyes!

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 54 complaints the week of November 26 - December 2:

Nine traffic accidents, one parking violation, four private property accidents, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, four suspicious sit-

uations, one natural death, one missing person, seven general non-criminal.

One EMS response, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, four larceny, two damage to property, three public peace/disorderly, one

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One driving violations/DWLS, etc., one conservation, one delinquent minors, one valid alarm, three false alarm activations, one burglary - entry without force, one fleeing or eluding (felony), one miscellaneous arrest.

**GRAYLING POLICE REPORT**

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 43 complaints during the week of November 25 through December 01:

Two misdemeanor citations, two

traffic accidents, one private property accident, one motorist assist, one misdemeanor arrest, one breaking and entering, four larcenies, one juvenile runaway, six assists to other departments, one alarm, one

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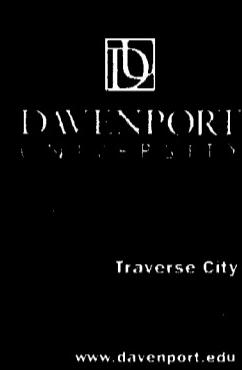
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## Retiree donates \$5,000 to Camp's NCO Club



SFC George C. Gingerick, MIANG-Ret.

Retired Sergeant First Class George C. Gingerick of Grayling, recently presented a personal check for \$5,000 to Barb Apley, a Camp Grayling Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Club manager. SFC Gingerick made the donation to the NCO Club Building Fund for future projects to upgrade and enhance the NCO Club for all members.

SFC Gingerick retired from M.A.T.E.S. four years ago and his late wife, Nancy, was due to retire this year. Gingerick remarked "into some people's lives a little rain falls," but in his it was "a thunderstorm" this year when his wife of 38 years died.

SFC Gingerick noted, with all the support of his friends and fellow

soldiers from Camp Grayling, he felt he needed to give something back.

Gingerick made the donation in memory of his wife, Nancy. That was the basis for his donation to the NCO club, in that it was something that would benefit the majority of those who work, train and serve at Camp Grayling.

In attendance for the presentation of the monetary gift were: Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Fred Alkire, past club president; Cindy Merchant and Barb Apley, NCO Club Managers; Michigan Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major Miner Roth; and Camp Grayling Command Sergeant Major Terry Richardson.

## MILITARY NEWS



**Machinist Mate**

**Matthew W. Kroell, USN**

Matthew W. Kroell of Grayling graduated from Basic Training on September 13 at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Waukegan, Illinois.

He has since attended and graduated from submarine training school at U.S. Navy Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut where he is currently stationed and attending machinist school.

Kroell is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Martin and Marsha Kroell of Grayling.

## BIRTHS



Zachry Paul Osga

Jeff and Sarah Osga, of Grayling, announce the birth of Zachry Paul Osga.

Zachry was born October 24, 2001 at Munson Hospital. He weighed in at eight pounds, three ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are: Jim and Mary Osga of Frederic and Don and MaryAnn Sagasser of Gaylord.

His great-grandmother is Cecilia Cinciala of Grayling.

Darrin E. and Racquel Hawes announce the birth of Darrin Edward Hawes.

Darrin was born on November 21 at 3:27 p.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

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Big sister is Kayla and grandparents are Jerry and Diana Hawes of Oakley and Edward Schaub of Boyne City.

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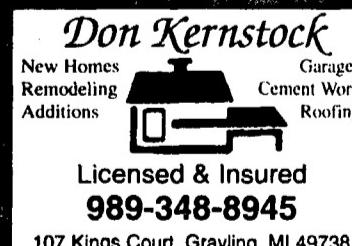
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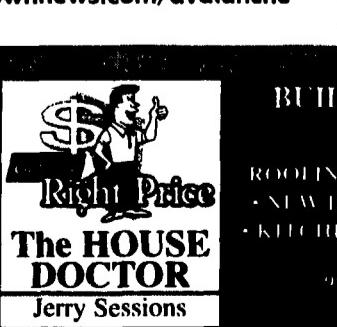
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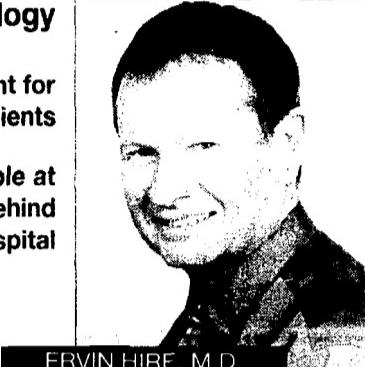
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## Dharma Records has what musicians need

► New shop in Grayling has a recording studio, instruments, more

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Dharma Records, a relatively new addition to the downtown business district in Grayling, has a lot to offer for people who perform or record music, including a full-service in-house recording studio.

The shop, located on James Street in Grayling across the street from Spike's and next door to Blockbuster, offers services ranging from replacement of a reed for a wind instrument to recording and producing a compact disc for a band.

Al Bondar and his wife Diane opened the shop in September 2001. Al, who moved to Grayling in 1986, has performed live music in the Grayling area for many years. For several years, he played regularly at the Shoppenagon's Inn until the demand for live shows started to decline. "The live entertainment market is not what it used to be," he said, adding that he still performs a couple nights a week, though not nearly as much as he used to.

"I think I can have more success with the studio than live entertainment," Bondar said. "I always thought (opening a music store) would be a neat thing to do, but I was always on the road."

The Bondars' shop offers a lot of services and products for musicians of all levels of experience. The shop

buys, sells, and trades in a wide variety of musical gear, including electric guitars, acoustic guitars, bass guitars, amplifiers, drums, wind instruments, keyboards, DJ equipment, and mixers. Dharma Records also has a wide selection of accessories, such as guitar cases and gig bags, instrument cables, guitar strings, tuners, and microphones.

They can also special order just about anything music-related and have it in two or three days, Diane said.

The shop also has used compact discs in stock for sale.

Dharma Records offers student discounts, and "competitive" prices on all its new and used gear. "As far as pricing goes, we're real competitive," Diane said.

The shop also offers consignment sales (they'll sell your music gear for you for a small commission) and guitar lessons. They expect to have piano lessons available soon.

Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of Dharma Records' business is its recording studio and related services.

"We can do everything a big studio can," Diane said.

People can record a vocal track over instrument tracks karaoke-style or record a CD of original music from the ground up. If your band is missing a drummer or guitarist or bassist or you want to add a different instrument to the mix, they will bring someone in to play the necessary instrument, Diane said.

"We deal with so many musicians, we can do that," she said.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Al and Diane Bondar opened Dharma Records in September. The shop, located on James Street in Grayling, has a recording studio and a wide variety of musical merchandise.

haven't done that yet."

Bondar said he has also done pre-production for radio and TV commercials and voice-over work in his studio.

Dharma Records also provides a booking service for area bands. "If a band wants to be booked, we can do it," Diane said.

"(Business is) picking up," Diane said. "We've had a lot of traffic in here. I think it'll do well, but it will take awhile."

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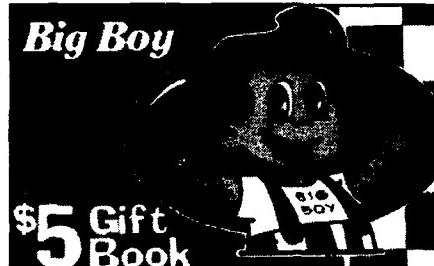
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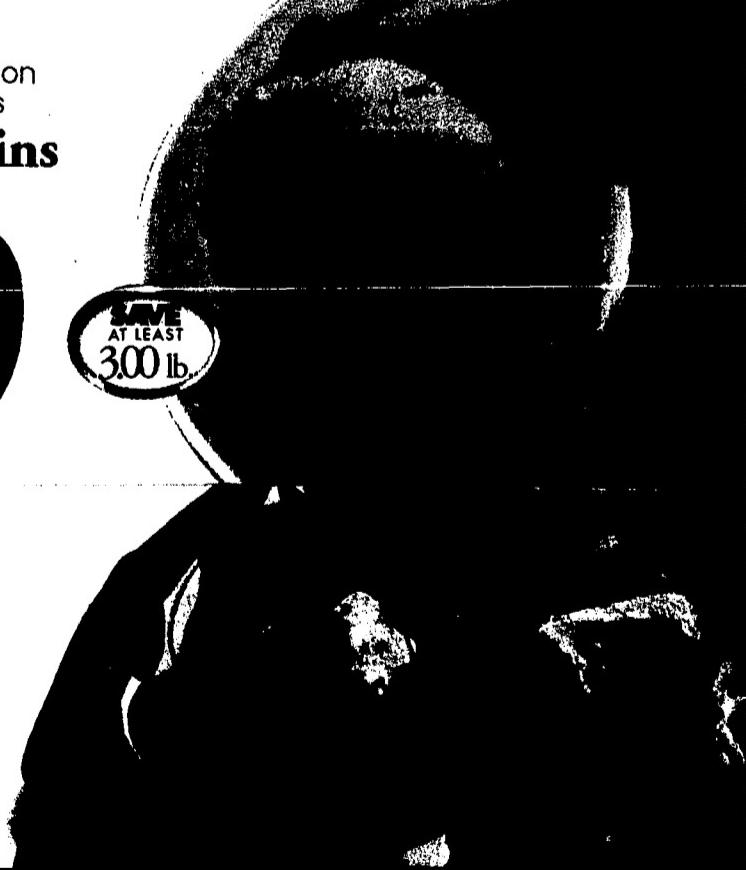
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*High school boys basketball season opens this week*

## Vikings prepare for '01-02 hoops season

► Varsity team is working hard, but 'has a long way to go, Coach says

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team plays its first games of the season this week.

Head Coach Rich Moffit said this year's squad is a hard-working group that has already made a lot of improvement, but the players "have a long way to go." The Vikings will have to fight through some pre-season injuries and the team's depth may be tested early.

"We have had an interesting start

to our season thus far," said Coach Moffit. "We have three key seniors, Che Wheeler, Nate Frankina, and Mike Hale, who are out for a period of time due to knee injuries. We have another senior (Nick D'Amour) who pulled a groin muscle and his status for the first game is unknown at this time. With all of the injuries, we have had to bring up some young kids, who have provided some depth at key positions for us."

The varsity team currently has six returning seniors, three other seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman for a total of 15 players.

The players, listed with brief

### Upcoming games:

December 7 - (in Grayling)  
Grayling vs. Gaylord 6 p.m.  
December 11 - (in Grayling)  
Grayling vs. Standish 6:15 p.m.  
December 14 - (at Bay City)  
Grayling vs. BCJG 6:15 p.m.

player profiles and a pre-season scouting report provided by Coach Moffit, are as follows:

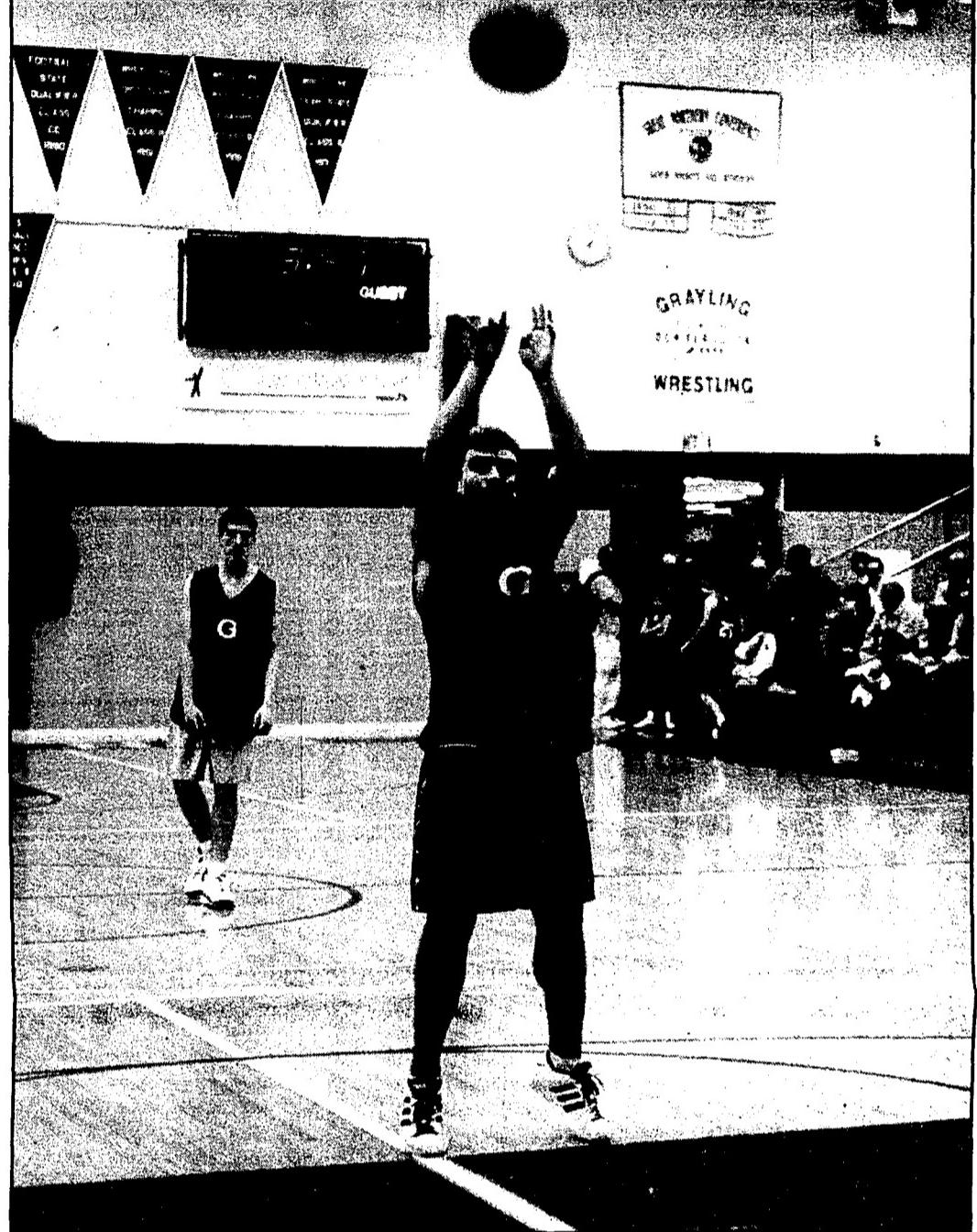
- **Larry Baynham** – 6'0" senior forward; "Solid blue collar player who bangs the boards hard and runs the court very well."

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See "VIKINGS PREPARE..."



**Larry Baynham** drives to the basket against defender Joe Lange in the Meet the Team scrimmage last Friday. At Meet the Team, GMS and GHS boys basketball teams were introduced, as well as the GHS cheer squads and girls volleyball teams.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Ryan Swope** shoots a free throw at Meet the Team. The varsity team's seniors played a scrimmage game against the varsity squad's juniors, sophomores, and freshman to cap off the evening on Friday, November 30.

## Twelve GHS band members selected for CMU Honor Band

► GHS and GMS bands to present holiday concerts

Twelve members of the Grayling High School Band were recently accepted into the Central Michigan University Honor Band. High school band students from all over Michigan submitted audition tapes to be accepted into this prestigious honors group. From the hundreds of students auditioning, an ensemble of approximately 85 musicians was selected. After a full weekend of rehearsals, the CMU Honor Band performed a concert on Sunday, November 18.

The Grayling High School Band will perform its Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature Christmas selections performed by the Jazz Band, Brass Choir and the Symphony Band. Other highlights include *The Gladiator*, by John Philip Sousa and *Second Suite in F* by Gustav Holst.

The Grayling Middle School Bands will perform their Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 in the GMS gymnasium. All middle school bands, sixth through eighth grade, will delight the audience with holiday favorites as well as enjoyable concert selections.

All band concerts are open and free to the public.



Photo courtesy of Grayling High School Band

**Twelve GHS band members** were recently accepted into the CMU Honor Band: (front, left to right) Elizabeth Banda, Ann Hughes, Apryl Rugenstein, Casey Mahaffy; (middle, left to right) Gail Hilliker, Ken Heinlein, Andi Holzbauer, Jenna Bugyi; (back, left to right) Todd Gaffke, Jason Henning, Alexis Sumner, Kip Franklin.

## Registration opens for annual triathlon

► Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon to be held February 23 & 24, 2002

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Registration is now open for the 2002 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon, a three-phase event that features cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and canoe or kayak paddling on the AuSable River.

This year's triathlon, the 26th annual, will offer two separate competitions: an individual event and a team event.

The individual competition will be held on February 23, 2002, and the team event will be conducted on February 24.

The triathlon will get underway each day with the canoe or kayak phase at 9 a.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery. Triathlon competitors will paddle downstream from Ray's on the AuSable to the Rayburn Property, then tackle the second phase of the event: snowshoeing.

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## 'The Rented Christmas' warms hearts



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Staff Writer

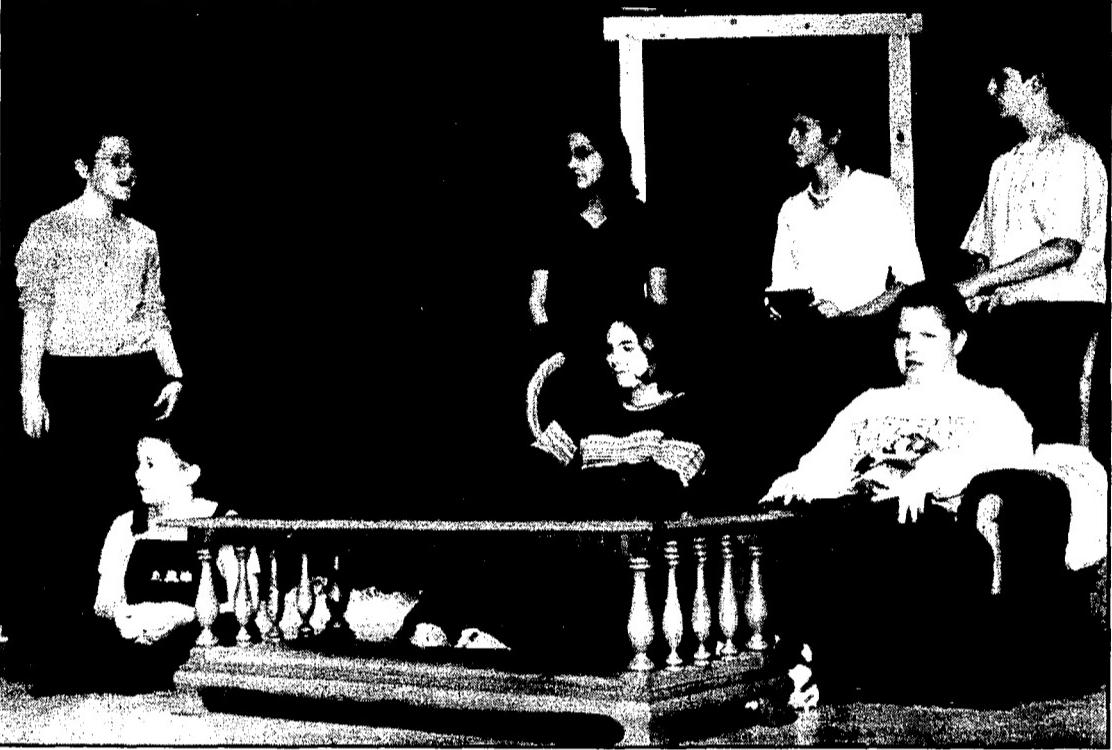
For two performances, November 30 and December 1, audiences were treated to the heart-warming script of "The Rented Christmas," presented by Grayling Middle School Students in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

Under the guidance of Director Stacey Rosin-Gay and her Assistant Director, Jessica Wakeley, the players told the story of a wealthy, but lonely, man who rents a family for Christmas with the hopes of having a real Christmas.

When the group of actors who first signed on to play the parts of five children and a wife cancel, an ingenious plan to have orphans fill the parts ensues. The woman hired to "rent" Christmas agrees to play the wife. She finds an old photo that turns out to be the man's old homestead and has it framed as a gift.

As holiday stories go, the "Christmas play" the group puts on is so convincing and the wealthy man enjoys the holiday so much (especially the thoughtfully framed photo), he adopts all five orphans and asks the woman to be his "real" wife. She accepts and all is right with the world.

The roster of names at the lower right of this page includes all the players. Two casts were chosen -- one for each performance -- and players shared roles in both performances.



### GMS 2001 Play Roster 'The Rented Christmas'

Jamie Wyss  
Summer Coe  
Bob Ramaswamy  
Chuck Hughes  
Austin Andrus  
Chelsea Curriston  
Sarah Lange  
Megan Smith  
Renee Clair  
Kilah Vanderstelt  
John Ventline  
Beth Ventline  
Kara Edgerton  
Kristina Weiso  
Brenden Cowl  
Andrew Felver  
Kristy Hardy  
Chelsea VanNuck  
Vickie King  
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The GHS varsity cheerleading team performs at Meet the Team night on Friday, November 30.

## VIKINGS PREPARE FOR '01-02 HOOPS SEASON

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• **R.J. Schmidt** - 6'0" senior guard; "Started at the end of the season last year. Good shooter who can put some points on the board."

• **Ryan Swope** - 6'0" senior center; "Solid defender and rebounder. Must have a big year playing his role for us if we are to be successful."

• **Nick D'Amour** - 5'11" senior guard; "Three-year varsity player who missed most of last season due to illness. Strong player who is a good passer and shooter. He's a canoe marathon racer - you know he's tough."

• **Scott Latusek** - 5'8" senior guard; "Quickest kid in our program. Very good defender who has really improved from last year. Good transition player."

• **Wes Fox** - 5'10" senior guard; "Great decision maker who is a good passer and defender."

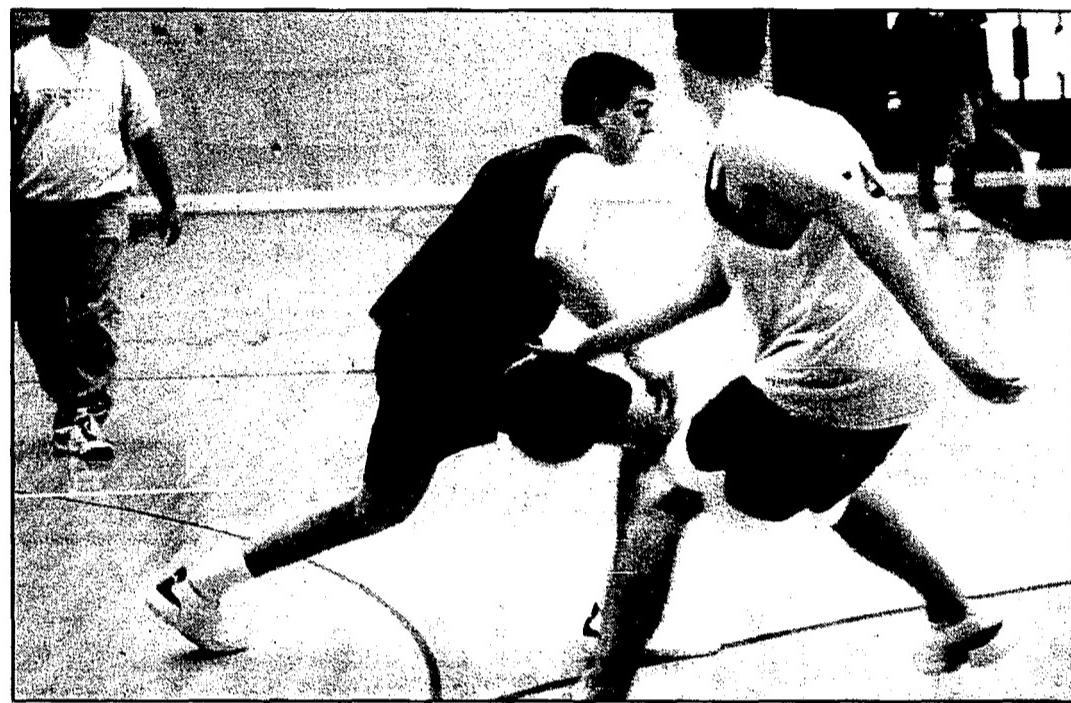
• **Nate Frankina** - 6'3" senior center; "Solid rebounder who has a nice outside shot."

• **Mike Hale** - 5'8" senior guard; "Very quick player who is a solid defender in our press."

• **Chet Wheeler** - 6'0" senior guard; "Good scorer who is a good inside-outside player. Plays well in the open court."

• **Adam Kaiser** - 6'0" junior guard; "Solid outside shooter who has really improved."

• **Chris Wakeley** - 5'9" junior guard; "Scrappy defender who can knock down the 'three.'"



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Nate Frankina** handles the ball for the "seniors" squad at the Meet the Team scrimmage last Friday.

• **Roger Alvarez** - 6'1" junior forward; "Big strong kid who transferred to Grayling from Lansing Waverly. Nice shot. He has improved a great deal since the beginning of the season."

• **Joe Lange** - 6'2" sophomore forward; "Good offensive rebounder who is a quick jumper."

• **Joe Zelek** - 6'2" sophomore forward; "Good rebounder who has good range on his jump shot."

• **Gibby Tobin** - 5'4" freshman guard; "Good playmaker who is a solid defender."

"Overall, I have been very pleased with the work ethic of this group," Coach Moffit said. "Our kids are a blue collar group that has worked very hard in the pre-season and our improvement has been immense. However, we still have a long ways to go. The thing that I like about this group is that they have a great attitude and are willing to learn. We could be a very competitive by the end of the year."

"The NEMC should be very competitive this year," said Coach Moffit. "Ogemaw Heights is the team to beat on paper. They have some talented kids coming back with a solid coach in Jim Beach leading the way. Oscoda, Bay City John Glenn, Tawas, Pinconning, and Standish all have key players coming back and could contend for the NEMC title. Gladwin is replacing some players from last year, but has some talented kids and could be in the running."

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| Beach Bums                                                             | 22 -14        |
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| Beached Whales                                                         | 21 -15        |
| Extreme Heat                                                           | 18 -18        |
| Thrasher Sharks                                                        | 14 -22        |
| Tidal Waves                                                            | 14 -22        |
| Hammer Heads                                                           | 10 -26        |
| Boys High Game: S. Gildner, 195; T. LaMotte, 189; N. McNamar, 188.     |               |
| Boys High Series: S. Gildner, 544; T. LaMotte, 492; N. McNamar, 478.   |               |
| Girls High Game: K. Davis, 226; B. Yanniello, 171; S. Respecki, 134.   |               |
| Girls High Series: K. Davis, 531; B. Yanniello, 430; S. Respecki, 358. |               |
| <b>Junior League</b>                                                   |               |
| Mer-People                                                             | 21 1/2 -5 1/2 |
| Sharks                                                                 | 14 -13        |
| Hawaiian Punch                                                         | 11 -16        |
| Sea Horses                                                             | 10 -17        |



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| Palm Trees                                                         | 10- 17       |
| Coconuts                                                           | 8 1/2-15 1/2 |
| Boys High Game: E. Ferrigan, 90; J. Helsel, 85; T. Hanson, 83.     |              |
| Boys High Series: T. Hanson, 153; J. Helsel, 149; A. Love, 149.    |              |
| Girls High Game: A. Hoover, 78; A. Hoover, 73; L. Johnson, 67.     |              |
| Girls High Series: A. Hoover, 126; C. Hanson, 119; A. Helsel, 119. |              |

### Pee Wee League

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Shrimps                                                                       | 15 - 5 |
| Snails                                                                        | 13 - 7 |
| Starfish                                                                      | 9- 11  |
| Dolphins                                                                      | 3- 17  |
| Boys High Game and High Series: C. Adams, 89; J. Robertson 72; J. Hoover, 71. |        |

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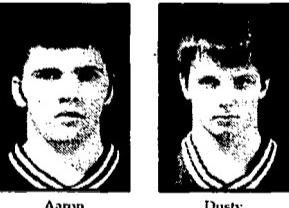
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| Legion                                                                                                                                            | 80  |
| Frederic Inn                                                                                                                                      | 80  |
| Plaza                                                                                                                                             | 71  |
| Holiday Inn                                                                                                                                       | 69  |
| Sawmill I                                                                                                                                         | 53  |
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| 6 Ball Run: Rose and Annette, Swamp II; Dee, Spikes.                                                                                              |     |
| 8 Ball Run: Cookie, Legion.                                                                                                                       |     |

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#### Vikings of the Week



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1. Chicago (26)
2. Miami (26)
3. Baltimore (23)
4. New Orleans (23)
5. Pittsburgh (23)
6. New England (23)
7. Atlanta (23)
8. Tennessee (23)
9. Carolina (23)
10. Dallas (23)
11. St. Louis (23)
12. Minnesota (23)
13. Green Bay (23)
14. Detroit (23)
15. Tennessee (23)
16. Michigan State (62)

**Winner**  
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12 correct with tiebreaker one (23)

3 entries with 12 correct  
12 entries had 11 correct

• 87 Entries

1. Detroit vs. Tampa Bay

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12. Detroit vs. Tampa Bay

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15. Tennessee vs. Detroit

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# Registration opens for annual triathlon

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Triathlon "challenge" participants must navigate a three-mile snowshoe course. A one-mile course for "fun competitors" will also be available.

After the snowshoe event, there will be a brief break in the action until the start of the cross country ski phase at 11 a.m. at Hanson Hills.

The ski course, the final phase of the triathlon, will span 8.4 kilometers.

Teams willing to take on the triathlon must sign up in groups of three. Each team member will complete one leg of the triathlon.

The Winter Wolf Triathlon individual competition has been around since 1974. The team competition is a new addition to the event. The team option was

added last year, but last year's team triathlon event was canceled due to poor weather conditions.

Teams can be all-male, all-female, or mixed.

In the individual event, prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers of the male division and female division in three age categories: 14-19 (Junior), 20-39 (Classic), and 40+ (Masters).

Competitors must provide their own canoe or kayak and cross country skis. Snowshoes will be provided, but competitors can also choose to use their own snowshoes.

To register for the 2002 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon, visit the main office at Hanson Hills. The cost to sign up is \$20 (before February 9) or \$25 on race day for individuals, and \$36 per team

(\$50 on race day).

"We'd really like to get this thing to be a huge event," said David Sabin, one of the event's organizers. "If we get some of the more serious racers, we could expand it and make it a tougher race."

More than 20 individuals finished last year's triathlon. Several teams were signed up to compete in the team event prior to its cancellation.

Sabin, one of the people who helped organize the first Winter Wolf Triathlon in 1976, serves on what he calls an "ad hoc committee" with area residents Cindy Olson, Gretchen Walsh, and Ellen Thompson, all of whom work together to coordinate the triathlon.

"The people who work on the

triathlon are all volunteers," Sabin said. "Those three girls put in a lot of time and effort, just because they think winter sports should be a focus in Grayling. We have to take advantage of what nature gives us."

The Winter Wolf Triathlon is held in conjunction with Grayling Recreation Authority's annual Winter Fun Days Festival (February 22-24, 2002) at Hanson Hills.

This year, Johnson Outdoors was added as a primary sponsor of the triathlon. Johnson Outdoors manufactures kayaks, paddles, and other outdoor products.

Other event sponsors include Hart Ford, the Grayling Area Visitors Council, and Tubbs Snowshoes, Sabin said.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

| American Men's            |                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| McLeans Ace               | 21 -14                                 |
| Forrest Brothers          | 19 -16                                 |
| Moore's Automotive        | 19 -16                                 |
| Scheer Motors             | 18 -17                                 |
| CSI Ind. Systems          | 18 -17                                 |
| North Woods Land Co.      | 16 -19                                 |
| Fentons Auto              | 15 -20                                 |
| Barber Construction       | 14 -21                                 |
| High Game: L. Davis Jr.   | 258; J. Arwood, 245; M. Smith, 245.    |
| High Series: L. Davis Jr. | 634; J. Arwood, 614; D. Canfield, 607. |

### Friday Mixed Doubles

|                               |                                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Chicken Little Joint Project. | 42 -10                                               |
| NewlyWeds                     | 30 -22                                               |
| Moshier Auto Repair.          | 26 1/2 -25 1/2                                       |
| Kens Tire & Auto.             | 26 1/2 -25 1/2                                       |
| Charles Country Corner        | 25 -27                                               |
| Double Trouble                | 21 -31                                               |
| Aun Betts                     | 19 -33                                               |
| Fick & Sons                   | 18 -34                                               |
| High Game Men:                | C. Hanson, 226; D. Yanniello, 214; J. Campbell, 206. |
| High Series Men:              | C. Hanson, 564; D. Wallace, 561; J. Campbell, 549.   |
| High Game Women:              | S. Johnson, 190; K. Moshier, 185; N. Trudeau, 184.   |
| High Series Women:            | S. Johnson, 509; K. Moshier, 490; J. Hinds, 473.     |

### Seniors

|                       |                                                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Grayling Pharmacy     | 31 - 21                                          |
| Buccilis Pizza        | 30 1/2 - 21 1/2                                  |
| Cornell Insurance     | 30 1/2 - 21 1/2                                  |
| Sylvesters Sports     | 28 - 24                                          |
| Flowers by Josie      | 25 - 27                                          |
| Baynham Wood Products | 23 - 29                                          |
| Spikes Keg O'Nails    | 22 - 30                                          |
| Halls Snow Removal    | 18 - 34                                          |
| High Game Men:        | K. Harris, 219; G. Wolfe, 214; L. Crampton, 213. |
| High Series Men:      | G. Wolfe, 570; L. Crampton, 542; B. Hollis, 542. |
| High Game Women:      | M. Baker, 186; P. Harris, 171; D. Hollis, 160.   |
| High Series Women:    | P. Harris, 478; M. Baker, 465; D. Hollis, 436.   |
| Northwood             |                                                  |

### Pioneer

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Custom Interior | 29 - 19 |
| Aunt Betty's    | 29 - 19 |
| Rochette's      | 28 - 20 |

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## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR  
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 ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL  
 BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**DEFAULT** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. Weigel and Barbara J. Weigel, Husband and Wife, to United Companies Lending Corporation, mortgagee, dated July 10, 1998 and recorded July 18, 1998 in Liber 459, Page 219-224, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., by assignment dated November 20, 1998 and recorded on July 13, 1999 in Liber 485, Page 631-632, Crawford

County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Twenty-One and 90/100 Dollars (\$89,021.9) including interest at the rate of 11.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 19, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 2 acres of that part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 16, T26N, R2W, lying Southerly of M-72 Highway. ALSO

that part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, lying Southerly of M-72 Highway.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: November 8, 2001

OURLANS ASSOCIATES PC

Attorneys for Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A.,

As Assignee

2501 Rochester Court

Troy, MI 48083

(248) 457-1000

File No. 199.0280

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**LIBRARY NOTICE  
 BIDS FOR COMPUTERS**

The Crawford County Library Board will be releasing Bid Documents for Computer Workstations and accessories on December 3, 2001 to bidders capable of providing and installing a quantity of computers for the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

Bid Documents may be picked up at the Crawford County Treasurer's Office 200 W. Michigan Ave., MI 49738

Bids will be due at the same location on December 18, 2001 at or before 2:00 p.m. A public bid opening will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse at 2:30 p.m. on December 18, 2001.

Barbara Clark Greene, President  
 Crawford County Library Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Grayling Housing Commission will be holding two public hearings on its Agency Plan. The Annual Plan is a compilation of the Housing Commissioner's functional policies. The Five-year Plan is a guide for Housing Commission activities in the future.

As these plans are constructed, the Housing Commission must allow public review of these policies and allow for comment. Therefore, as of November 1, the Agency Plan and its constituent plans will be available for public review at the Housing Commission's office, located at 308 Lawndale Drive. At the regularly scheduled meetings, on November 13th and December 11th, at 6:30 p.m. public hearings will be held in order to receive any public comments on the plans.

### Country Breakfast

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### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### Regular Meeting

November 14, 2001

Members Present: Tom Hall, Janice Annis, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, and Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Lee Riley, Dale French, Dave Lovely, Dennis Long, Lynnette Corlew, Bernard Fowler, Dave Frederick, Carson & Darlene Randall, Marie & Dale Rohde, James Downer.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to approve minutes of

## LEGAL ACTION

### SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of November 21, 2001

The Regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Scott Hanson at 9:49 a.m. in the County Building on November 21, 2001.

Roll Call: Hanson, Gohnick, Pinkelman, Corleve, Wieland and Beardslee.

Absent - None

Sandra Moore, County Clerk-Register of Deeds - Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present. Others present at various times.

Moved to place a communication from North Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. under new business.

Moved to approve the Board Minutes for the October 24, 2001 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Moved to authorize the FY2001/02 appropriation to NEMCOG in the amount of \$2,933.00 from the Environmental Fund.

Moved to request the Controller submit a response to Mr. Mahank thanking him for his input and noting that his resubmitted suggestions were discussed at length and in some cases implemented.

Moved to adopt the following General Fund Budget Amendments netting a total reduction of \$16,000.00 for an amended budget of \$4,609,147.00:

Revenues

Circuit Court - state reimbursement

\$25,000.00

District Court - probationary costs

6,000.00

Friend of the Court - state reimbursement

4,000.00

Clerk - recording fees

11,000.00

Prosecutor - coop reimbursement

4,000.00

Crime Victim - state reimbursement

11,000.00

Sheriff - state reimbursement

3,000.00

Marine - local reimbursement

6,000.00

Grayling Twp. - state reimbursement

5,000.00

Jail - inmate reimbursement

3,000.00

Expenses

Coop Reimbursement - service charge

1,000.00

Building and Grounds - heat

2,000.00

Sheriff - retirement

10,000.00

Contingency -33,000.00

Transfers Out - Building & Zoning

1,600.00

Child Care -7,800.00

Soldiers & Sailors

-600.00

Moved to request Medical Examiner Dr.

William McNamara negotiate a contract with Pathologist Dr. James R. Hall of West Branch to serve our needs for autopsies with the exception of requests by law enforcement personnel on special cases. To request the Prosecutor work with adjoining counties on a procedure for calling Medical Examiners when needed.

Moved to authorize payment of the following claims: General Fund - prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the November 13, 2001 report in the amount of \$407,889.67; D.A.R.E. Fund - payroll and open invoices on the November 13, 2001 report in the amount of \$725.40; Environmental Control Fund - cell phone reimbursement for Merrill, payroll and open invoice on the November 13, 2001 report in the amount of \$3,240.54; Central Dispatch Fund - prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoices on the November 13, 2001 report in the amount of \$18,086.98; Building and Zoning Fund - per diem for Beardslee and Anderson, mileage and per diem for Duran, prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoices on the November 13, 2001 report in the amount of \$13,601.77; Remonumentation Fund - prepaid voucher in the amount of

\$1,225.00; COPS in School Fund - payroll in the amount of \$3,782.46; Fish Fund - open invoice on the November 13, 2001 report in the amount of \$1,721.50.

Moved to accept correspondence as submitted.

Moved to allow a presentation by Diane Frankowski, Adult Services Worker for the Family Independence Agency (FIA).

Moved to submit a letter to the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency and advise the 2003 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Application and Contract language was reviewed and no significant changes were necessary.

Moved to adopt a resolution of concurrence with the 2001/2002 Northeast Michigan Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report.

Moved to accept the resignation of Robert Smock, Jr. from the Fish Hatchery Steering Committee with regards and send him a letter of appreciation for time served.

Moved to submit a letter to the Department of Transportation expressing interest for the 50 feet wide strip of land near the Courthouse to be deeded to the County.

Moved to submit a letter to the Viking Band Program and advise the County cannot allocate funds to their program due to State mandates.

Moved to hold the Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 19, 2001 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Commissioners will provide the meat and request employees bring a dish to pass.

Moved to request the Fair Board submit any and all sub-leases for Board approval and provide a copy of their hold harmless insurance.

Moved to offer a retirement window to those AFSCME employees who are eligible to retire at a B-4 level. This window would be available after the actuary is available and from 12/15/01 - 2/15/02.

Moved to offer a retirement window to the general employee group, non-union, for those employees who have completed 20 years of service. This window would be available after the actuary is available and from 12/15/01 - 02/15/02.

Moved to set a Special Board Meeting on Thursday December 13, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. to review the MERS actuarial prior to opening a window to retirees and any other business that may be legally conducted.

Moved to notify Michigan State University that funding for the Extension Office will end effective 2/01/02 unless funding can be secured to completely fund the two (2) positions.

Moved to rescind the paragraph on the bottom of page 2 of the 2002 Budget Appropriations Act relating to temporary hiring by Department Heads. There must be no replacement of personnel without prior approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss legal opinions provided by Assistant Prosecutor David Sabin (11:42 a.m.).

Executive Session began at 11:42 and concluded at 12:22 p.m.

Moved to adopt the following fee increases effective 12/01/01:

PBT Tests \$ 5.00

Vital Records 15.00 first

copy/10.00 each additional

Fax Services 3.00 per page

Notarization 2.00 per signature

Rent of property 45.00 per half day

& 60.00 per full day

Solid Waste Plan 250.00 per copy

Zoning fee Residential 50.00

Zoning fee Commercial 150.00

ZBA Application 275.00

Special Use Permit 300.00

Soil Erosion Permit 125.00

Moved to notify the Townships of Beaver Creek, Maple Forest and South Branch and inform them that the zoning enforcement position will be eliminated January 1, 2002.

Moved to reduce the Sheriff Department wages & fringe benefit line items budget by \$50,149.00.

Moved to mandate an expense budget that is \$100,000.00 lower than the revenue budget.

Moved to place the \$500,000.00 proceeds from the Landfill Trust Fund into the Tax Revolving Fund for the purposes of self-funding.

Moved to adopt a Resolution requesting the State of Michigan to pay fifty percent of

reimbursement cost to house juveniles in County Youth Homes.

Moved to accept the Hazard Mitigation Grant agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through 10-31-02.

Moved to accept the Controllers recommendations on new enhancements to our deferred compensation plans for employee participants.

Moved to request the Controller notify the COAM/POAM Union representatives after the actuarial report is received from MERS so negotiations can be completed.

Moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2002 County Child Care Budget through the Michigan Family Independence Agency (FIA) in the amount of \$291,829.00.

Moved to submit a letter to Attorney Peter Cohl for review advising the Court must live within the FY2001-02 budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is available in the clerk's office.

Sandra Moore  
Clerk/Register of Deeds

that the Bear Archery property had been sold. Mr. Mosher would like a list of the different locations that were looked at in determining a location for the new city hall.

Keith Kenney resignation from the Grayling Planning Commission.

01-172

Moved by Hayes, supported by Awiszus to accept the resignation of Keith Kenney from the Grayling Planning Commission with regret to write him a letter of appreciation for the time he spent on this commission. Ayes: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

c. Board and Commission Appointments. Several appointments need to be made before January 2, 2002.

01-173

Moved by Banda, supported by Mosher to re-appoint Jerry Hayes to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term, term to expire January 1, 2005. Ayes: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; motion carried.

01-174

Moved by Banda, supported by Mosher to appoint Kathy Awiszus, as recommended by Mayor Wyman, to the Grayling Planning Commission as a member from the Council. This is a 3 year term, term to expire January 1, 2005. Ayes: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; motion carried.

01-175

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to appoint Kathy Awiszus to the Parks Committee as a member from the Council. This is a 3 year term, term to expire January 1, 2005. Ayes: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; motion carried.

c. Grayling City Council Rules.

01-176

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to accept the Grayling City Council Rules with meetings to be held at 7:30 P.M. Ayes: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; motion carried.

New Business.

a. Employee Recognition.

01-177

Moved by Banda, supported by Awiszus to give gift certificates of \$15.00 to the employees of the City for Employee Recognition as has been done in past years. Ayes: 3; Nay: 2 (Hayes & Mosher); Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

b. Plan for Goal Setting. The City Manager would like input from this Council on the goals for the future of Grayling. Council would like to have a meeting in January to discuss goal setting and a 5 year plan for the City.

Citizens who wish to speak

a. Mr. Gill from the Hospitality House was present to ask Council about placing signs advertising the Hospitality House at the entrances of the City. What would he have to do to make this possible? It was suggested that get go before the Planning Commission for a possible solution.

b. Mrs. Wyman asked Council if citizens would be able to input in the goal setting for the City of Grayling. Council agreed that we would input ideas from citizens as well as from the council members. We will have an article in the paper when we have a time and date for this important meeting.

c. Mr. Adkinson from Waste Management was present to ask Council about changing the dumpster ordinance to allow Waste Management to pick up dumpsters earlier than 7 AM. Much discussion was held with Mosher asking if the police could study the issue. The Chief will report at the next meeting.

Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee

a. Mr. Hayes and Mr. Mosher gave Council a report of the ZBA meeting held on Monday, November 5, 2001.

b. Ms. Awiszus updated Council on the Parks Committee. She is going to advise the Parks Committee of an idea of an ice skating rink in the city limits.

c. Mr. Lowe gave an update on the Planning Commission.

Reports from Manager & Council Members.

a. The City Manager is looking forward to working with this Council for the next 2 years.

b. The City Manager announced that there would be only 1 council meeting in December due to the holidays.

c. There will be no report from the City Manager this Friday as next week is a short week due to Thanksgiving and he will have a report on Wednesday with agendas for the November 26, 2001 meeting.

d. Mr. Banda was inquiring about the high

school using the library once the new library is in their new building. The City Manager said a representative from the school will be at the next meeting.

e. Mr. Hayes thanked council for electing him Mayor Pro-Term and congratulated Mr. Wyman as the new mayor.

f. Mr. Mosher is happy to be on the Council and looks forward to the next 4 years as a council member.

g. Ms. Awiszus is excited about her election as a council member and hopes to achieve a lot in her 4 year term.

h. Mr. Wyman asked if the Police Contract is done. It has been signed by all parties and is effect.

Announcements. None.

Adjournment.

01-178

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Kay Ellen King

City Clerk

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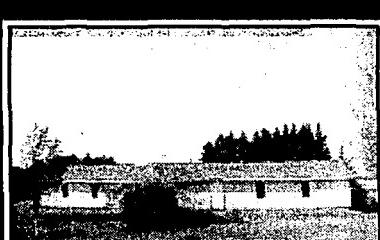
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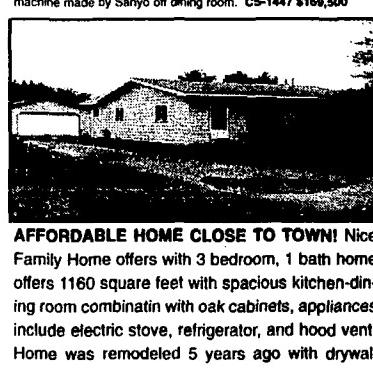
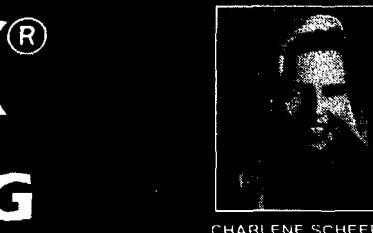
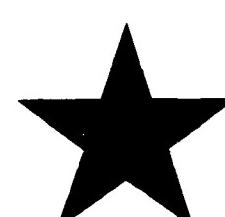
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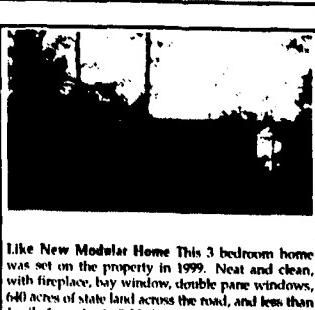
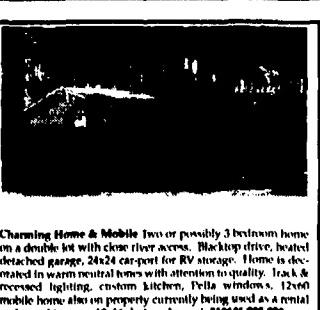
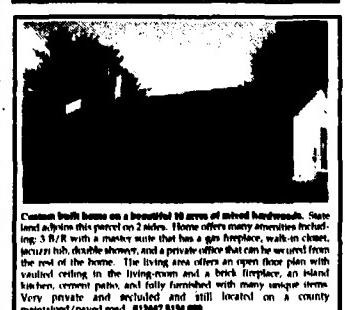
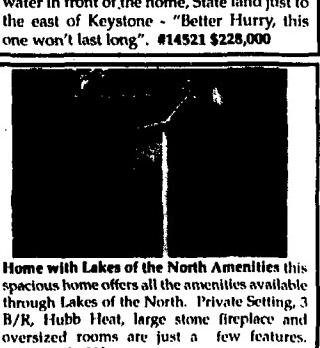
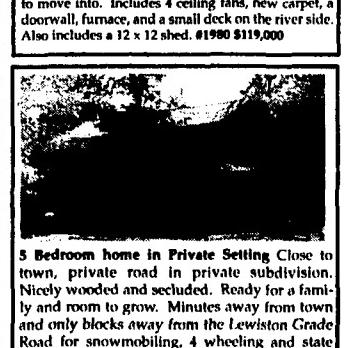
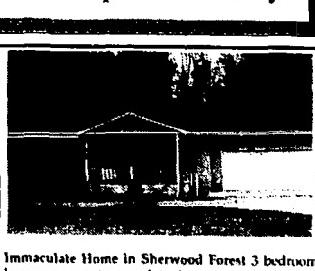
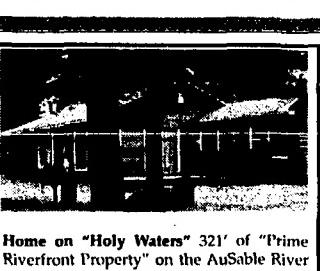
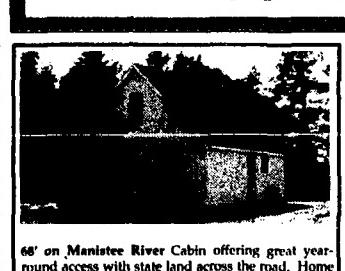
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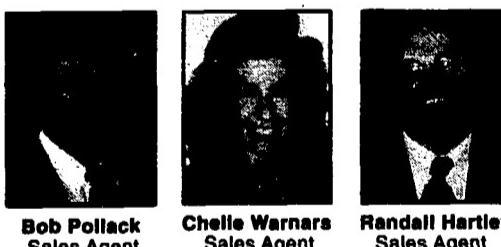
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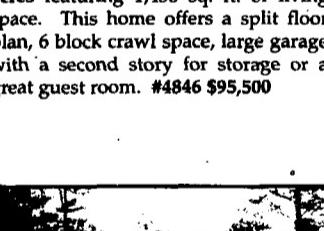
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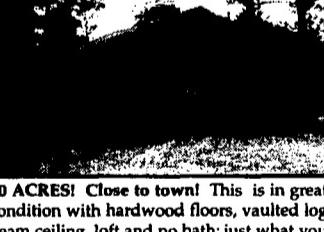
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**7. Miscellaneous**

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**6. Wanted**

**GRAYLING MEN'S BASKETBALL** league is looking for one more team. If you know of some people that want to play this season, call 989-348-9514, ask for Scott. (-6/6)

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**THE MONTHLY MEETINGS** of the Grayling Recreation Authority are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 a.m. at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. The December meeting has been changed to December 19 at 8 a.m. (-6/8)

**GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S** Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 Uncle Ugly, Dec. 5 - Dec. 8 Uncle Ugly, Dec. 19 - Dec. 22 Crowd Pleasers. (-29-6/8)

**9. Personals****HE STILL HAS A BABY FACE**

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Birthday!



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For more information contact:  
Crawford County United Way  
Cindy Timmons,  
Executive Director  
at (989) 344-9300.

**8. Announcements**

**ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE CHRISTMAS** decorations at Yorty's Antiques. Open 11-5 Saturdays. County Rd. 200 by First Bank, Higgins Lake. (-29-6/8)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:** Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday, All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday, Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

**11. Automotive**

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**11. Automotive**

**1987 BUICK LESABRE SEDAN** V6, 3.8 liter. Automatic, needs some repair or maybe just for parts, fair condition, asking \$500. 989-348-6184. (-6/11)

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**11. Automotive**

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**7. Miscellaneous**

# EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will close at noon on Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24th. Deadlines for the December 27th Avalanche will be:

Display Ads -- Wed. Dec. 19 5 pm  
Community News -- Thurs. Dec. 20 5 pm  
Classified Display Ads -- Thurs. Dec. 20 5 pm  
Classified Ads by the word -- Fri. Dec. 21 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, December 26th at 9 am.

**11. Automotive**

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**99 CADILLAC SEVILLE**  
Really sharp with leather and all of the extras! gotta see this one! #02278 Was \$23,988



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**93 OLDSMOBILE 88** AUTOMATIC  
Loaded with options! Great as it is! Only 5,000 miles! This one won't last! #03551 Was \$6,988



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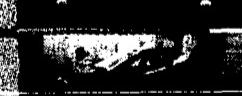
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**Clean Cars Under \$10,000**

**93 OLDSMOBILE 88** AUTOMATIC  
Loaded with options! Great as it is! Only 5,000 miles! This one won't last! #03551 Was \$6,988



Blowout Price \$6,988

**94 DODGE RAM CLUB CAB**  
4x4, SLT, V-8, fully loaded, 4WD, great truck! #05573 Was \$16,988



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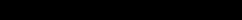
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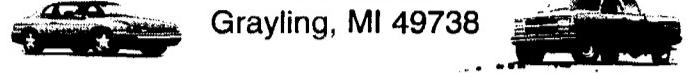
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## Patriotic plates a real hit

In one month's time, Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller said nearly 10,500 "Proud To Be American" license plates were sold, generating about \$130,000 for the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

Every time the "Proud To Be American" plate is renewed, a \$10 fee is collected and shared between the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

A personalized patriotic license plate is available for an additional \$30. Residents may use up to five characters when personalizing a plate. The renewal fee for a personalized plate is \$15.

A special collector's version of the patriotic plate bearing the "Proud To Be American" slogan is available for a one-time fee of \$35. Collector plates may not be used in place of a vehicle's registered license plate.

The patriotic license plate may be ordered at any branch office or by downloading an order form at: [www.sos.state.mi.us](http://www.sos.state.mi.us) and mailed or faxed. Ordering information will also be included with vehicle registration renewal notices. Call any branch office for more information.

## Hazardous material haulers may undergo background checks

Michigan Secretary of State Candice S. Miller has called for strengthening federal legislation to mandate a criminal background check for any individual applying for a commercial driver license (CDL) with a hazardous materials (hazmat) endorsement.

Miller noted the CDL program in Michigan, as in other states, follows requirements outlined in federal law. However, she said in light of recent events and concerns about vehicles hauling hazardous material, it would be both prudent and appropriate to complete a background check before a CDL with a hazmat endorsement is issued.

"Certainly, at a minimum, it would be reasonable to require a criminal background check," Secretary Miller said. "The check could be completed in a timely manner."

"Following the events of September 11, every governmental agency that has any licensing responsibilities needs to reevaluate all of its processes," Miller said.

"This will be the first of many suggested changes for our department."

While she noted the legislative change would require federal action, Miller pledged to explore a change in the Michigan Vehicle Code as well.

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